

## SOLDIERS GUARD THE WRECKAGE

*Blackened Walls Stand Out Boldly Against the Moonlit Sky  
Of Stormy Winter Night*

**In Ruins the Fire Monster Still Fitfully Flashes Forth Flames of Wrath in Last  
Expiring Effort at Destruction**

## THOUSANDS VIEW THE RUINS ON SUNDAY

**Distinguished Visitors From Abroad Arrived on Every Train--Adjutant General  
Weybrecht and Members of His Staff Are On Hand**

*Before Twelve Hours Had Passed Stricken Merchants and Property Owners Were Making  
Plans For The Future.*

*From the Ruins and Ashes of That Which Was Will Arise, Phoenix Like,  
That Which Is To Be.*

**Officials of the City Exhausted With Hard Work and  
Nervous Strain.**

**Masons Pass Resolutions of Sympathy to Tenants  
Who Suffered in Loss, and Give Promise of a New  
Home More Splendid Than The One Destroyed.**

**Merchants Still Undecided on Definite Plans For  
The Future.**

**Insurance Adjusters Arrive Promptly on the Scene and  
are Already Engaged With Those Who Suffered  
Loss in the Big Fire.**

**Scenes and Incidents of Washington's Greatest Disaster**

The last day of 1911 dawned with a gloom that enveloped the entire town. Many had been up all night and the clang of the fire bells, the roar of the flames and the crash of falling walls was the first thought of those who had caught a few hours' of restless sleep.

The night of horror—a horror that has never been equalled since the cyclone, bearing in its wake such devastation and ruin, will leave its pall over our city for many a day.

For hours hearts had stopped still as the spreading flames raged and tore like wild living things and it looked as if all of Washington's entire business center was doomed. In many home bags were packed and valuables put together as blazing numbers were seen floating for blocks. Only the deluge of rain and the water soaked buildings saved the town.

As if from a terrible night-mare people woke, but it was only to see the gray winter sun rising over the spectre of what had been Washington's pride.

Instead of the stately stone Masonic temple, with its imposing facade, instead of the handsome hotel and its adjoining business rooms, there were great piles of brick and timber, huge, unsightly ruins that bore mute testimony to the power of the fire king.

From early in the morning people crowded the streets, prevented from getting close to the ruins by the patrol of militia, that under the command of Major Roll Allen and Captain Howard Allen, did such splendid service on the night of the fire. Heart-sick as spectators were, by the contrast between the handsome business block of the day before and the present havoc, there was a fascination about it, and throngs gazed upon the wreck. Ashes still smoldered, a huge flame of natural gas burst out from the site of the Temple like a geyser, and its

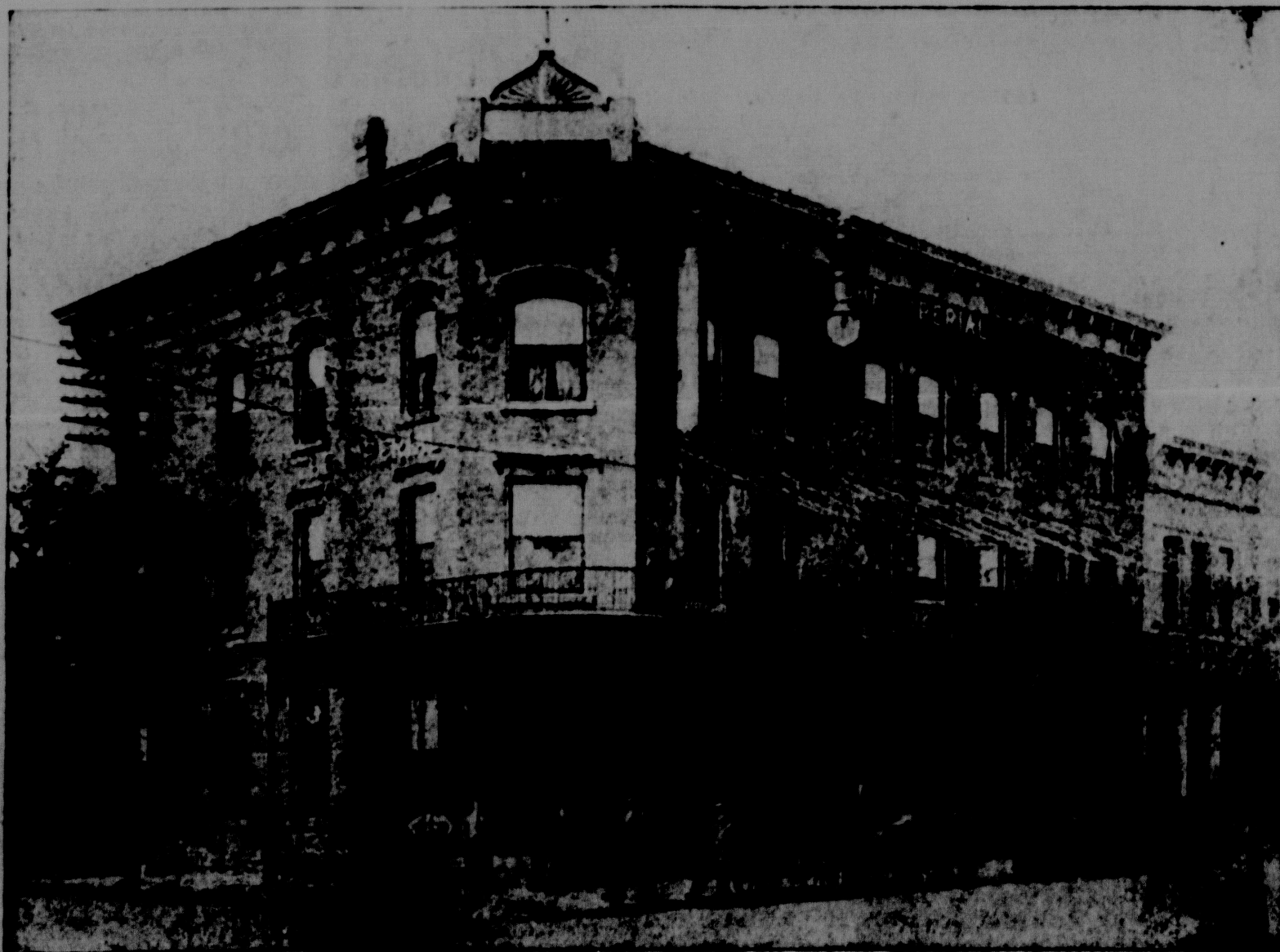
tongue of fire created fresh alarm; high tottering walls shook with each rush of the wind and finally crashed to the ground with a force that reverberated over the town.

The walls of the Temple were mostly down the night before, the high northwest wall standing yesterday, and at its top a trellis of brick that aroused wondering comment that it could stand the winds. It was noon before the tall corner walls of the Imperial Hotel thundered to the ground and still they kept falling until late in the afternoon, when an engine was brought to the scene and began the further demolition.

From all over the county and from neighboring cities, people flocked in as fast as autos, vehicles and trains could bring them and the town presented almost a home-coming scene, but with none of the joy and glad greeting of the home-coming.

But even while appalled at the horror of the scene the valiant spirit which has largely made Washington C. H. the stirring, progressive city that she is, began to assert itself even within sight of the ruins optimism began to resume sway. "Wait until this time next year, you'll see this block bigger and handsomer than ever. You can't keep Washington and its business men down" was the remark of a well-known Columbus man on the scene and it was echoed by every one of the hundreds of spectators. The scene of the Masonic temple block on the morning of 1913 will be entirely different from the tragic one of 1912.

### HOTEL IMPERIAL



The above is an excellent picture of the beautiful Hotel Imperial, representing a value of \$30,000 which was completely devoured by the Saturday night conflagration. The host, Mr. Fred Hays, lost all of his valuable furnishings. At present he has no plans for the future. The owner of the hotel building, Mr. R. C. Hunt, stated this morning that he is undecided as to whether or not he will rebuild.



# THE FIRE ZONE

**"It is better to Carry Insurance All the Time and Not Need It, Than Need It Once and Not Carry It."**

Mr. and Mrs. Manufacturer, Business Block Owner, Merchant, Dwelling House Owner, Household Goods Owner, you are most cordially invited to DO YOUR DUTY and do it NOW!

Get a policy today of "He Will Treat You Right". He has the "Right" insurance methods. He has the "Right" companies—the largest and strongest agency in Washington, C. H. O. It is time for you to act RIGHT NOW!

Will you do as you have always done—put it off? Then don't blame me; I have tried to get you to act.

There is not a manufacturer, merchant or property owner in Washington that carries enough insurance, because in case of total loss they are carrying in many cases not ONE HALF enough insurance.

Can you afford to do this another minute? A policy with me is sure protection.

## MY COMPANIES

Insurance Company of North America, Philadelphia Underwriters, North British and Mercantile, Westchester, Atlas New Hampshire, Liverpool, London & Globe, London Assurance, Aetna.

None better to the world. Will you give the year order today?  
FRANK M. FULLERTON.

## F. & A. M. Reception

The F. & A. M. New Year's reception for which invitations have been issued to all Masons and their ladies will be held tonight from 7 until 10 o'clock at Memorial Hall, the use of which has been tendered to the fraternity.

H. B. DAHL

B. H. MILLIKAN



Large stockholders and official heads of large wholesale grocery firm which is heavy loser in fire.

## Sunday Extra Warmly Received

The people of Washington were treated to a genuine surprise yesterday when the *Daily Herald* was issued in an extra Fire Edition of four pages giving an illustration and complete account of the district destroyed by the terrible fire of Saturday night.

Owing to lack of electric current composition on the extra was made by hand and it was not until four o'clock in the evening that current was provided to run the big press. Just before dusk the edition began to reach the streets in the hands of a dozen newsboys.

The shouts of the boys, "Daily Herald Fire Extra!" brought crowds surging around each one and the boys invariably sold out in a few moments. People almost fought with each other to secure copies of the paper, the first that was ever issued in the city of Washington on Sunday.

Sunday's edition filled the bill. It gave the first definite and authoritative news of the appalling disaster. The welcome with which the *Herald's* Fire Extra was accorded on the street was very gratifying.



## National Guards Relieved Today

After 36 hours of patrol duty, Co. M, O. N. G., was withdrawn at 8:10 o'clock, after roping off the dangerous ruins and making everything as secure as possible.

The company was dismissed by the new mayor, Harve W. Smith, after it became apparent that their services were no longer required, and that a few special police could take care of the situation.

Many of the guards were almost exhausted by the exposure and long vigil over the dangerous ruins.

The services of Company M probably saved more lives than one in holding the crowds back, and keeping the streets clear so the firemen could not be hindered by the curious throngs.

The officers of the company have been warmly complimented upon the manner in which the guards conducted themselves, and for the valuable aid rendered when it was so badly needed.

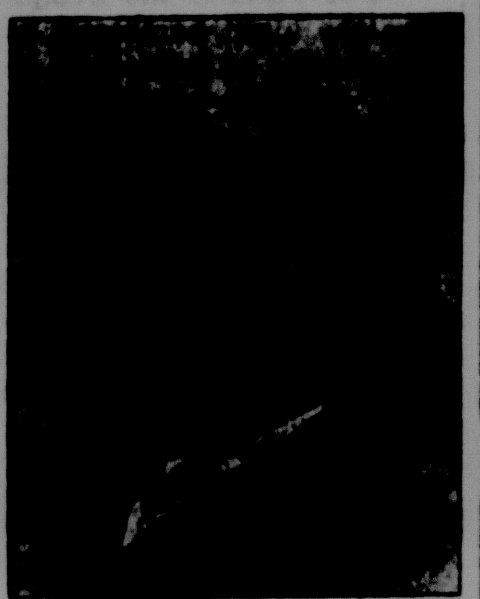
## Newspapermen And Photographers

A number of newspaper correspondents from some of the larger city daily papers were present, together with staff photographers from three of the leading papers.

Local photographers did the best work, however, and obtained a number of excellent pictures. Herbert Campbell kept his camera busy during the flames and obtained some vivid imprints of the flames by night.

Monday morning's *Enquirer* carried three large front page pictures of the ruins taken by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Hays and Mr. DeWees obtained a number of splendid photos and post-card photos of the ruins are now on sale.

Scores of cameras were used by local residents and visitors.



## Planned Increase Of Fire Insurance

Just before noon Saturday members of the Board of Masonic Hall trustees discussed the feasibility of increasing the insurance on the Masonic Temple from \$28,000 to \$40,000, and this was virtually decided upon.

Had the fire occurred a week later this increase would undoubtedly have been in effect, and the loss would not have been so heavy by \$12,000.

## Adjusters Busy To Settle Claims

The firm of Mangon, Weiss, Harding and Dowdall, insurance adjusters of Cincinnati, are upon the scene and have been retained by a number of those who suffered loss, to represent them in settling the insurance claims.

This firm of adjusters is represented by Mr. Weiss and Mr. Stagg, who arrived Monday morning and commenced work at once.

## Broken Hydrant Floods Corner

A broken hydrant at the Sharp fountain corner, allowed a great quantity of water to escape at a critical time during the fire, greatly lessening the pressure.

This hydrant continued to spout water until a late hour Monday. During the night the falling water froze, covering the sidewalk and street, and turning two of the fountain light pedestals into large columns of ice.

## Many Hundreds Of Visitors Here

So great was the publicity given the fire disaster that in addition to the thousands of persons who visited this city on Sunday for the purpose of viewing the ruins, additional hundreds poured into the city Monday, and gazed upon the remains of what had been the cream of the business section.

All of the surrounding cities and towns contributed their share of visitors, and expressions of sympathy for the stricken business men and the city were heard on all sides.

## Chemicals Burn Making Sea of Ink

In the room over the Sparks hardware store James Pursell operated an ink and shoe polish factory, having a great many chemicals of various kinds stored in the room.

Among the chemicals was a bag of powder used in manufacturing indelible inks, etc. This fell from the building and burst upon the sidewalk, causing thousands of gallons of water flowing down the gutter to turn purple. This was tracked about the street by the flames until the street was a sea of purple.



**No More Constipation ---WHEE!**

It's Me for Olive Tablets.

That is the joyful cry of thousands since Dr. Edwards' proffered Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel.

Dr. Edwards, a practicing physician for 17 years and Calomel's old-time enemy, discovered the formula for Olive Tablets while treating patients for chronic constipation and torpid livers.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets do not contain calomel, but a healing, soothing laxative.

No gripping is the "keynote" of these little sugar-coated tablets.

They cause the bowels and liver to act normal. They never force them to unnatural action.

It is easy to compel bowel and liver activity for a time with calomel and nasty, sickening, gripping castor oil, but the after effects are dangerous, and the real cause of the trouble is often not even touched.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are so easy to take that children do not regard them as "medicine" at all.

If you have a "dark brown mouth" now and then—a bad breath—a dull, tired feeling—sick headache—torpid liver and constipated, you'll find quick, sure and only pleasant results from one or two little Olive Tablets at bedtime. They're perfectly harmless.

Thousands take one every night just to keep right. Try them.

"Every little Olive Tablet has a movement all its own."

10c and 25c per box.

The Olive Tablet Company of Columbus, Ohio.

**When you feel** discouraged, nervous, tired, worried or despondent it is a sure sign you need MOTT'S NERVE-REPAIRING PILLS. They renew the normal vigor and make life worth living. So cure and ask for Mott's Nerve-Repairing Pills. Price \$1.00 per box. Sold at Brown's Drug Store.

## Some Losses Incalculable

Losses of incalculable character as a result of the fire are recorded in the destruction of important lodge records belonging to the various societies that were housed in the Masonic Temple, City records in the office of Mayor Allen and the probability that court papers were lost

in the offices of Attorneys. It is reported that portions of the lodge records were saved, but those destroyed can never be replaced. Mayor Allen recovered a portion of his books, including the records of fines and licenses paid in, but at present it is thought all of the dockets were destroyed.

**ELMER A. KLEVER,**  
Funeral Director.  
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## Revised Losses

Firm	Estimated Losses	Estimated Insurance
Masonic Temple Co.	\$ 50,000	\$28,000
Dahl-Millikan Co., building and stock	100,000	80,000
Imperial Hotel and fixtures	30,000	19,000
Fayette Co. Hdw. Co., room (R. C. Hunt)	10,000	7,000
Judy Block	15,000	7,000
Westward Block	15,000	7,000
Fayette Co. Hdw., stock	40,000	23,000
Frank L. Stutson, stock	85,000	50,000
Masonic Equipment	30,000	7,000
Henry Sparks, hardware	9,000	5,000
Peter Brown, confections	7,000	2,800
Harry Hyer, plumber	1,000	400
DeWees Studio	500	500
K. of P. Lodge	3,500	2,500
Elks' Lodge	5,000	3,000
Lulu Theobald, milliner	1,000	400
Allen & Allen	800	400
John Logan, attorney	3,000	None
E. L. Bush, attorney	1,000	1,000
C. E. Baughn, attorney	500	None
Dr. C. V. Lanum	500	None
Bachelors' Club	700	130
Washington Water Co.	400	200
Pythian Sisters	500	200
Eastern Star	500	300
James Pursell, manufacturer	500	400
L. H. Barkimer, piano store	500	300
F. A. Chaffin, attorney	1,000	1,000
Delbert Hays, studio	500	400
Citizens' Telephone Co.	500	
Bell Phone Co.	100	
C. A. Cave, real estate	100	
Western Union Telegraph Co.	100	

Totals, \$488,000

\$218,000

Estimated loss above insurance, \$191,000

## FAYETTE COUNTY HARDWARE COMPANY



Interior view of the room of The Fayette County Hardware Company. This splendid room and its contents was entirely destroyed by Saturday night's fire.



# Night of Terror

Call For Aid Is Wield by Mayor Allen to Columbus, to Springfield and to Wilmington, When Local Facilities Prove Insufficient.

Columbus and Wilmington Responded, and Their Fire Fighters Did Herculean Work After Arriving On the Scene. Springfield Was Prevented From Coming by a Fire at Home.

Mighty Cheer Rises From Thousand Throats When Assistance Arrives.

Steamer Taken to Paint Creek and With An Abundance of Hoses and Strong Pressure the Fire Demon is Kept Within the One-half Square.

Washington Saturday night was visited by one of the worst calamities in her history. With possibly one exception the property loss was the greatest ever sustained in the city.

The alarm of fire, at about 8 o'clock, called the department to the big department store of F. L. Stutson, where fire was raging in the basement among the boxes and waste paper.

At first it seemed that the fire could be confined to the basement, and six streams of water were poured into the rear of the basement.

The headway made by the angry flames in the highly inflammable material in the basement far exceeded the calculations of those fighting the flames, and within a comparatively short time it burst through the floor at the front end of the store with a roaring, hissing, crackling noise like the blast from a monster furnace.

The proprietors and clerks then realized that no human power, with the facilities at hand, could check the awful Fire Monster's progress. Those who ventured into the basement with fire extinguishers and lines of hose were driven back by the roaring flames from the seething inferno below the first floor.

Mr. William T. Holmes saw in an instant that the structure was doomed and dashed to the office for such books and papers as he could carry out with him. Before he could gather up some of the most valuable papers the hair of his head, his neck and back were scorched by the flames which were by that time leaping and dancing in and out in the dense smoke like so many hungry demons.

The clerks hurriedly seized their wraps and fled to the street. In an incredibly short time the whole interior of the Stutson store was a mass of flames.

To eat through to the second floor consuming offices and the magnificent lodge and club rooms and on and up to the third floor and lodge rooms of Masons and Commandry, the Eastern Star, the K. of P., the Pythian Sisters, consuming costly furnishings, valuable books and papers, relics and paraphernalia which could not be replaced with money, was the work of moments only for the wild Fire King.

Through the roof of the largest building in the city the flames leaped skyward into the darkness until it seemed that the very clouds would be pierced. Blazing embers of varying sizes up to the size of large shingles were whirled out and on from the furnace.

The heroic efforts of the local fire fighters made no appreciable impression on the fire's progress.

The angry flames belched out of every aperture in the doomed structure; the fearful arms of fire, with an ease which laughed at man's feeble attempts to baffle them, reached across the narrow alley to the south and dashed into the windows of the large four-story warehouse and office building of the Dahl-Millikan Grocery Company, and soon volumes of dense black smoke was pouring from every crevice and crack of the building.

It was then seen that the wholesale house was doomed. With a crash and roar which could be heard for miles the roof and floors of the Temple gave away. Sparks and burning cinders and blazing planks shot skyward. The great front wall trembled, tottered and fell outward with a rumble and roar just as flames burst through the roof and from the windows and doors of the wholesale house.

To the southward, then where the fire was eating its way toward the Fayette County Hardware building and the Imperial hotel all eyes were turned and all efforts at rescue were directed.

Would the fire stop before it reached the railroad yards was the question asked by thousands.

It was answered by the fire itself, which, as soon as it had burst through the wholesale house attacked the rear of the hotel and the Hardware Company's rooms.

The immense stock of groceries of all kinds and the large four-story building of the Dahl Millikan Company was consumed absolutely by the flames in less than thirty minutes so resistless and so rapid was the march of the fire.

With the crash of the walls of the Dahl Millikan Company as they fell into the streets the flames leaped through the smoke which filled the Imperial hotel from cellar to roof and from kitchen to office.

The Hardware Company's immense stock was consumed in a twinkling. The cartridges let go like bunches of immense fire crackers as did also the seventy-five thousand rounds of ammunition in the Dahl Millikan Company.

Just as the awe-stricken thousands had begun to hope that the fire would run its course with the destruction of the hotel it was discovered that the Judy block to the north on Main street and the westward block to the north on Court street were in flames.

All hope of saving anything on the entire half block was then abandoned and fears for the safety of property across the street to the east and to the north and the entire business section in that direction spread all.

The steady rain which had continued all day had so thoroughly soaked the surrounding roofs that the flying fire-

brands did not do the damage which would have ensued had the buildings been dry.

The work of saving the immense warehouses of the Grocery Company was greatly aided by the cement being away from them.

Several times the elevator tower of the fire-proof cold storage plant was in flames, ignited by the awful heat, but the fire was unable to get down into the building.

Heavy plate glass windows across Main street were cracked and shattered in bits by the heat of the flames.

It was an awful night of terror and destruction and Washington business district was saved from complete annihilation by the heaven-sent rain which kept the surrounding property soaked with water.

The losses to Washington's business is almost beyond estimation.

The merchants are paralyzed with the enormity of the calamity, and have not yet formulated any definite plans.

## SEEN FOR MILES

The great glare illuminating the sky, was plainly visible for many miles and the fact that a great fire was raging in this city was thus made known to people throughout the whole of Fayette and adjoining counties.

Some idea of the fearful brilliancy of the leaping, merciless flames can be gained from the knowledge that the tell-tale glare was visible to the residents of Columbus, 40 miles north.

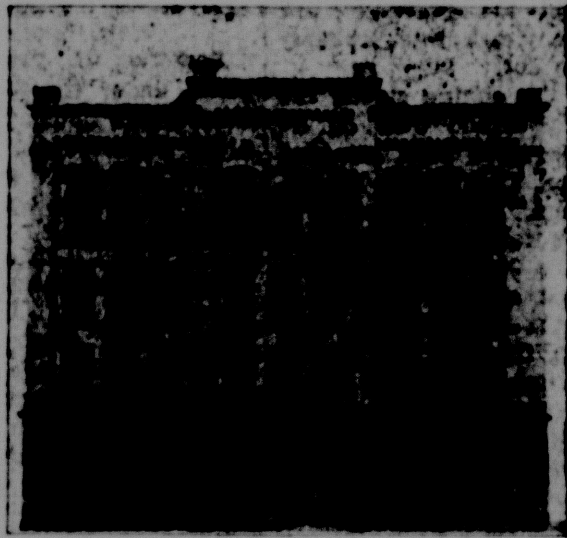
Greenfield, Chillicothe, Circleville, Hillsboro, Wilmington and Springfield citizens noticed the brilliant illuminations in the heavens above us and it is estimated that it was visible to observers in a radius of more than one hundred miles.

## WILL REBUILD

The representatives of the various branches of Masons met at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the I. O. O. F. hall, the courtesies of which were immediately extended by the Odd Fellows.

The Masons, after consultation and the appointment of committees, passed a resolution of sympathy to Mr. Stutson and the other tenants of the building, assuring them that within a reasonable length of time they would provide them with a home bigger and better than ever.

### THE MASONIC TEMPLE



Magnificent structure, one of Washington's prides, now a mass of wreckage, with scarcely one brick standing in place.

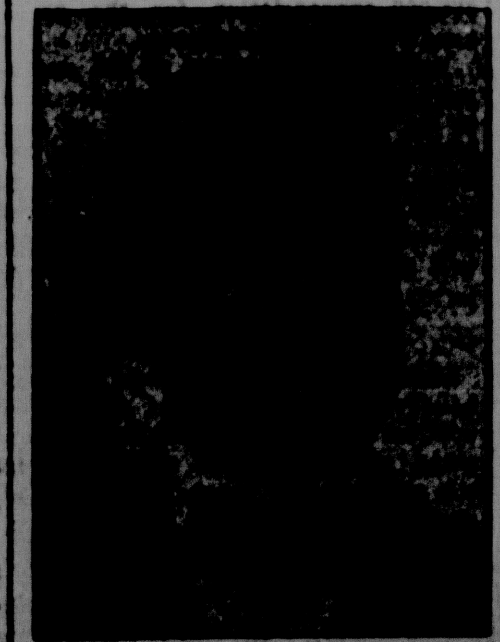
## Many Persons Seriously Injured

A number of persons were injured during the conflagration. James Palmer, 24, single, son of Paul Palmer, sustained a fractured hip, three broken ribs, and probably internal injuries by being caught by a falling wall. He is in a serious condition.

William Holmes, of the Stutson store, almost met death in trying to save valuable books. The suction caused by the flames caused the rear door to jam, and it required a superhuman effort to throw it open. It was not until his head and neck were painfully blistered that he succeeded in escaping. His burns are not serious.

Some of the firemen were scorched and blistered about the hands and

R. C. HUNT



Owner of Imperial Hotel Building and The Fayette County Hardware Building.

face, and a few bystanders were slightly injured by firebrands.

It was currently reported that a man had leaped from a third story window of the Masonic Temple and was killed. This was erroneous.

Another report that a bystander had stepped upon a live wire and was electrocuted, proved false. Still other reports of persons overcome and perished in the flames proved false so far as known.

## National Guard Called to Duty

When the danger of falling walls threatened the death of scores of persons who thronged the streets, the lack of police protection quickly became apparent, and Major Rell G. Allen as Mayor of the City, had the riot call sounded by the Court House clock bell. This brought Company M quickly together at the Armory, and within a few minutes the Guards were upon the scene in command of Capt. Howard Allen.

Fire lines were immediately established and the crowd forced back beyond the danger they thoughtlessly courted. This act received universal commendation, and the sincere thanks of Washington as a city are extended to Company M for the splendid service rendered.

All through the dreadful night the men were on patrol. Hot coffee and sandwiches were furnished during the early morning hours, and relief patrols were established. The danger of hanging walls caused the patrol to be maintained throughout Sunday in order to keep the curious through back out of danger.

# Photo Post Cards OF BIG FIRE

Herbert C. Campbell

PHOTOGRAPHER

Over Fayette County Bank

THE CUTS IN THIS MORNING'S ENQUIRER WERE FROM OUR PHOTOS

## Annual Report

Of The Buckeye State Building and Loan Company shows 1911 a most prosperous year, its growth being over \$700,000. Its assets now amount to over \$5,100,000 all loaned on homes, the safest of all mortgage loans. It owns no real estate. Its large fund absolute protection to depositors. Five per cent. paid on time deposits. Rankin building, 22 West Gay street, Columbus, Ohio.

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WANTED—Men and Women, sell guaranteed hose. 70 per cent. profit. Make \$10 daily. Full or part time. Beginners investigate. Wear Proof, 3038 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. to Feb 16

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FOR RENT—Four rooms, with gas and soft water in house. 401 E. Paint street. Citz. phone 3161. 307 121

FOR RENT—One modern bedroom over Dr. Brown's office. C. A. Cave. 305 61

FOR RENT—Five-room house on Oak street. W. A. Tysor. 300 12

FOR RENT—6-room house. Call Elmer White, Citz. phone No. 1671. 297 121

FOR RENT—Five-room house. Inquire of Mrs. Stoddard, 461 East Paint St. 296 121

FOR RENT—7-room house and barn on Clinton avenue; city water and gas. C. F. Highley, both phones. 296 12

FOR RENT—8-room house, conveniences, one square from court house. Barnetts Grocery. 286 12

FOR RENT—House of 6 rooms and bath on Broadway. Mrs. W. E. Taylor. Both phones. 284 12

FOR RENT—7-room modern house on Market street. Inquire at the Washington Meat Market. 272 12

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If you've never seen any of our work stop in and let us show you a wash ready to be delivered to the owner. It will speak for itself.

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N. Fayette Street



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## THE FUTURE.

Washington has been dealt a staggering blow.

The loss in property, on account of Saturday night's fire is appalling, but the loss to the merchants affected directly and indirectly by the dreadful visitation is beyond calculation.

It does no good, in times like these, to undertake to place the blame or waste time and energy in pointing out just how the disaster might have been averted, or its appalling consequences lessened.

The wholesome thing to do is to set our faces resolutely to the front and, profiting by the terrible lesson taught, so shape our course and govern our future conduct that a repetition of Saturday night's calamity will be impossible.

This city has grown and prospered during the last ten years, but that due provision was not made to protect the property and business gain with which fortune has blessed us, has been made plain to us in a way which admits of no dispute.

Attention has been repeatedly, through various channels, called to the fact that Washington had long since put aside her village clothes and had blossomed out into a full fledged city and that provision should be made to properly handle the responsibilities which came with that change.

Our derelictions in that regard have cost us dearly and let us hope that the lesson taught will not be forgotten.

It will not be. Washington has proved herself equal to every occasion which has arisen thus far and no let up in the progressive spirit among her citizens is yet apparent.

The stricken merchants and real estate owners are gradually recovering from the effects of the blow and before a dozen hours had rolled by were formulating their plans for the future and refusing to think of the past and what might have been.

The loss to those who will lose employment is, of course, heavy, and irreparable. The loss to those indirectly affected, is beyond calculation. The property loss, enormous as it is, does not tell half the story of loss. It is the indirect loss in business large and small in the city which is heaviest.

While there is no doubt that from the wreck of buildings and business there will arise greater structures and splendid businesses, yet the lesson taught and the warning given should prove proportionately beneficial to its heavy cost.

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All eyes are now turned to the future and over the blackened ruins of yesterday the bright rainbow of tomorrow and its hopes is already shedding its lustrous light.

## THE OLD AND THE NEW.

It is now Mayor Harve W. Smith. Last night at midnight the administration of Mayor Allen came to an official end and the administration of Mayor Smith commenced.

Many of the formal details of surrender and assumption of authority were attended to earlier in the evening and prior to the time designated by law when the official change should take place.

Every citizen of Washington wishes Mayor Smith a happy New Year and a successful, peaceful and prosperous administration.

He assumes the duties of his office at a time when the people of Washington are still staggering under the effects of Saturday night's disaster.

He finds the moral atmosphere of the city of the highest type and it should be, and he announces that it will be his constant aim and effort to keep it up to the present high standard.

Mayor Smith has a host of work to do and that he will prove fully equal to the discharge of his important tasks is the hope and the belief of all good citizens.

He assumes the duties of his office with a united citizenship as his ally, with disputes of political, and therefore minor consequence, forgotten in the great work which is just ahead.

The best wishes of the people go with ex-Mayor Allen, in his return to private life, for the many good deeds he has done and the best of wishes are extended to Mayor Smith for the many good deeds he is confidently expected to perform.

A happy New Year to both the out-going and the incoming administration. A bigger and a better Washington and a contented, happy and law-abiding people, mindful of the past with its pleasures and sorrows and bright hopes for the future and what it holds for us.

## MOB EXECUTES COLORED FIEND

Kills Oklahoma Farmer and Assaults Wife.

## DRINKS HIMSELF TO SLEEP

Is Easily Captured, Locked Up, Then Taken From Jail and Strung Up to Tree—Began Night of Crime by Stealing Switch Engine and Making Spectacular Run in Which He Is Saved From Collision With Passenger Train by Derailment.

Port Smith, Ark., Jan. 1.—After stealing a switch engine at Van Buren, Ark., and running to Muldrow, Okla., where he killed George Cason, a farmer, and criminally assaulted his wife, a negro named Turner was taken from jail and lynched by a mob.

The crime was committed after Cason had opened up his house to him to allow him to warm himself. Going out to get kindling, Turner returned with an ax, which he used on the farmer, who had gone back to bed. Drinking continually of whiskey which he found in the house, the negro went to sleep finally and Mrs. Cason ran to a neighbor's house in her bare feet, where she told of the deed.

Two citizens of Muldrow were notified and went to the Cason house, where the negro was found still asleep. He made no resistance and was taken to the Muldrow jail. At night a mob, consisting of not less than 50 men, went quietly to the jail, broke open the door without resistance and took the negro to a nearby tree, where he was hanged.

Saw Engine Running Wild. Shortly after midnight the train dispatcher at Van Buren saw an engine going through the yards rapidly. An investigation revealed that it had been stolen. A passenger train from Kansas City was at the time near Muldrow, and the agent there was ordered to sidetrack the stolen locomotive and hold the passenger. A disastrous train wreck was probably averted by this act.

At Muldrow the engine struck the derail, where it turned over on its side. Two men were seen running from the engine. The negro, Turner, was one of them. He stopped at a farmhouse and told the men that they could make \$10 helping to get the engine back on the track. He then went to the Cason home. He was admitted on the plea that he was almost frozen; Cason made up a fire for the negro. Cason then returned to his bed, which was in the same room. The negro said he would go out and get some kindling and, returning with an ax, he ordered the man and woman to cover up their heads, as he was going to kill them. He flashed a gun at the same time. Cason told him where he kept his money and told the negro to get it, but not to harm him or his wife. The negro swung the ax with tremendous force, the flat part of it striking Cason's temple. Death was almost instantaneous. He then assaulted the wife under the threat that he would kill her and the children should she not comply with his desires. He ordered that she bring him whiskey, which she did. He drank copiously from the bottle and ordered her to drink. After assaulting the woman repeatedly and draining the contents of the bottle, the negro fell asleep. The woman ran for aid through the snow for quite a distance in her night dress and bare feet.

## TROUBLES MULTIPLY

John D. Rockefeller Confronted by Boast in Ice Rates.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The new year has a cheerless outlook for John D. Rockefeller. Since he lost his job as president of the Standard Oil company one misfortune after another has been dogging him around his Pocantico Hills estate. First he lost his lake, then the village of Tarrytown turned down his contract for selling the roads, then the Y. M. C. A. called on him for \$35,000 for its new building, but the greatest blow of all fell when George Ferguson, the Rockefeller ice man, told him his lake was leaking and even if zero weather should come this winter the ice crop would be small and prices would have to advance next summer. Ferguson tried to cheer Mr. Rockefeller a few days ago when the cold snap struck here, but it got milder and he saw it was all off and he broke the news gently to his millionaire customers.

## Charge Wife With Murder.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Rene Morrow, widow of Charles B. Morrow, was arrested when investigation of Morrow's death was reopened after a coroner's jury had returned a suicide verdict.

## Mother and Children Burn.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Mrs. James Baker and her two children, Lillian, 5, and Ethel, 2, lost their lives here when fire destroyed their home. The origin of the fire is not known.

## NEWTON D. BAKER

Succeeds Herman Boehr as Cleveland's Mayor Today.



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## DOINGS IN OHIO

### Alleged Rewards Juggled.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 1.—Investigation as to the disposition of three rewards, whose amounts were not made public, alleged to have been collected by Chief of Detectives Ralph Crawford from the state reformatory at Mansfield, has been begun, and he will be cited to appear before Chief of Police Jackson.

### Harmon Reappoints Zuber.

Columbus, O., Jan. 1.—Governor Harmon Saturday reappointed State Fire Marshal John W. Zuber of Paulding county for a term of three years. The salary is \$3,000. Mr. Zuber was appointed by the governor to succeed W. S. Rogers, Republican, removed two years ago last June.

### Village Stays Dry.

Athens, O., Jan. 1.—Chaucney, a village of about 800 people voted dry under the local law by a majority of 14. Most of the Athens county bootlegging cases have been tried in courts at Chaucney and fines of more than \$18,000 have been paid.

### Wets Carry Somerset.

Somerset, O., Jan. 1.—Dry for four years under the local law and for three years under the State law, Somerset reversed its verdict on local option and voted wet under the local law. The wets cast 178 votes and the dries 133.

### Find Honest Official.

Amherst, O., Jan. 1.—When auditors went through the fund of Township Trustee "Honest" John Brucker they found \$20 too much in it. "Honest" John is a farmer and has been a trustee for the past 14 years.

### Run Down by Car.

Galion, O., Jan. 1.—Partially deaf, Peter Kile, 65, failed to hear a traction car approach while attempting to cross the track in his carriage. The conveyance was hurled by the car and Kile was instantly killed.

## "WHAT IS MINCEMEAT?"

Food Expert Wiley Finally Solves Perplexing Problem.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The federal government has laid down a rule for mincemeat. The pure food board of the department of agriculture, headed by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, after laboring for months over the question "What is mincemeat?" has evolved this official definition:

"Mincemeat is a mixture of not less than 10 per cent of cooked minced meat, with chopped suet, apple and other fruits, salt and spices and with sugar, syrup or molasses and with or without vinegar, fresh concentrated or fermented fruit juices or spirituous liquors."

## MAY ABOLISH TARIFF BOARD

Democrats Also Would Cut Tariff Transportation Appropriation.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Democrats of the house of representatives plan to eliminate from the next sundry civil appropriation bill the \$225,000 appropriation for the president's tariff board, the \$75,000 appropriation for the economy commission and the \$25,000 appropriation for the president's traveling expenses.

Democratic members of the appropriations committee are understood to be unanimously in favor of this elimination program and they believe that the cutting of this expenditure of \$325,000, all of which is under the direction of the president, will meet with approval of the majority party in the house.

### Goos to His Inaugural.

Shanghai, Jan. 1.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen has gone to Nanking for the inauguration ceremony, which it is understood will take place today. As in the election, the inauguration will be provisional.

### Robber Kills Banker.

Centerville, Wash., Jan. 1.—A robber held up the Farmers and Merchants' bank and instantly killed the president, L. Barr. The murderer was captured.

## The Washington Savings Bank



## A Clean, New Book

is awaiting that New Year resolution at the Washington Savings Bank. Your good resolutions for the New Year should include habits of Thrift, and the laying aside a portion of your earnings for that Rainy Day by opening an account in

## The Washington Savings Bank

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## Overhaul Your Auto.

repair and paint same and otherwise put your vehicles in good order. All work guaranteed to be equal to the best. NO CHARGE WILL BE MADE FOR STORAGE DURING WINTER SEASON ON CARS OVERHAULED AND PAINTED BY US. Give us a call.

## Swope Garage and Machine Shop

## Money For The New Year

We arrange loans on Furniture, Pianos and Stock. Long time, easy payments. See us if you need money

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Watch For The  
THIRD EXTRA



# DEFINITE PLANS RAPIDLY FORMING

## For Building On the Valuable Sites---Business Lines Are Being Reformed

### Many Changes Made Necessary By the Devastating Work of Awful Fire Are Being Provided For, and Rapidly the Preliminary Matters Are Being Arranged.

## "Hope Springs Eternal in the Human Breast"

Notwithstanding the Appalling Losses Sustained the Situation, As It Now Exists, is Being Dealt With in a Spirit Which Guarantees that Saturday's Fire Will Be But a Horrid Memory.

The Words of Regret are Discarded and the All-Abiding Work of the Moment Has Enlisted the Cheerful Fire Sufferers in Plans and Preparations for The Future.

The last day of 1911 dawned with a gloom that enveloped the entire town. Many had been up all night and the clang of the fire bells, the roar of the flames and the crash of falling walls was the first thought of those who had caught a few hours' of restless sleep.

The night of horror—a horror that has never been equalled since the cyclonic, bearing in its wake such devastation and ruin, will leave its pall over our city for many a day.

For hours hearts had stopped still as the spreading flames leaped and tore like wild living things and it looked as if all of Washington's entire business center was doomed. In many a home bags were packed and valuables put together as blazing embers were seen floating for blocks. Only the deluge of rain and the water soaked buildings saved the town.

As if from a terrible night-mare people woke, but it was only to see the grey winter sun rising over the spectre of what had been Washington's pride.

Instead of the stately stone Masonic temple, with its imposing facade, instead of the handsome hotel and its adjoining business rooms, there were gaunt piles of brick and timbers, huge, unsightly ruins that bore mute testimony to the power of the fire king.

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View of the ruins of the Judy Block and Masonic Temple looking southeast from Court and Main street corner.



### Chas. Allen First To Let Contract

The Westward Block, owned by Mr. Allen, one of the structures gutted by the Saturday night fire, will be rebuilt immediately, the old walls being utilized as far as possible in the work.

At six o'clock Monday morning Mr. Allen contracted with A. C. Henkle for the construction of reinforced cement floors in the building, making it practically fireproof. The work of removing the debris and tearing away that part of the structure not fit for use, will commence just as soon as the insurance is settled, and within sixty days the block will be ready for occupancy providing weather conditions are favorable.

### HESS LIVERY REMOVED.

The Hess Livery has removed to their new quarters, The Empire bar, formerly occupied by Benj. Jameson and Lou Crone, East Market street, and is now open and ready for business.

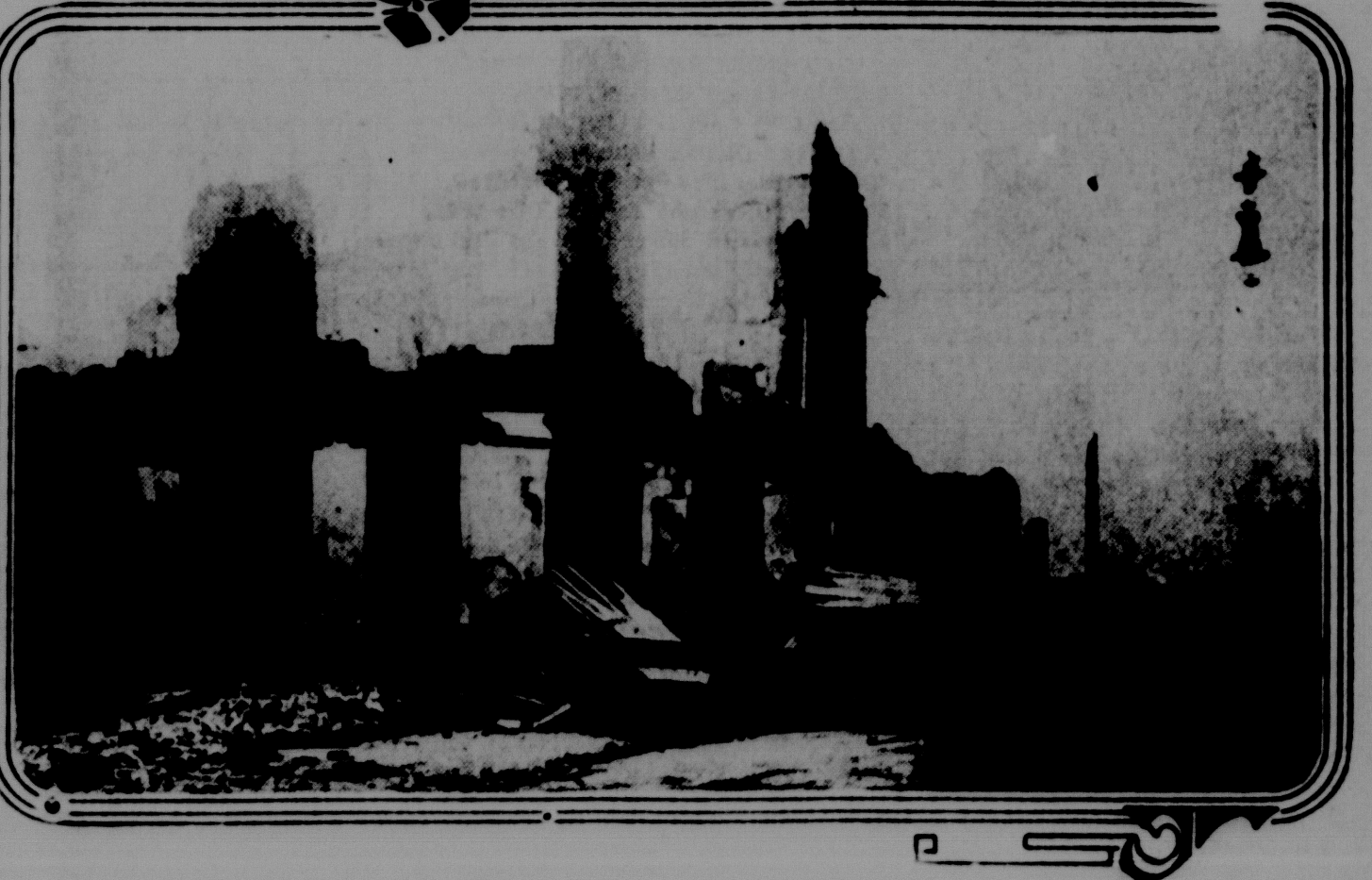
### GOING AHEAD WITH BUSINESS

The mammoth Dahl-Millikan plant will rise from the ashes greater than ever and with the indomitable push and capability of the management plans are already being promoted for the successful continuance of the colossal business. In fact Dahl-Millikan customers will hardly realize that the huge plant is smoldering in ruins. All the Dahl-Millikan salesmen start on the road as usual Monday and burned out stocks are already being replenished and coming in by every freight.

The Welton & Baker corner room on Main and East streets has been secured for the Dahl-Millikan offices and the Welton building across the street, two floors and basement, will be used for storage.

Sunday afternoon Messrs. Wm. Monypeny and A. S. Hammond, of the Midland Grocery Co., came down from Columbus in consultation with the Dahl-Millikan management. It was at once decided to go right on with the business and rebuild. Of course it is as yet too soon for definite plans, but there is general satisfaction that the big wholesale plant will remain the factor it has heretofore been in our city.

Mr. Frank L. Stutson has as yet given out no statement in regard to his future plans. This is the third time that the Stutson store has gone down in a mass of debris, the first time in the never-to-be-forgotten cyclone, the second time in the Masonic Temple fire.



The top picture shows the fire ruins from the rear. The lower picture is a view of the ruins from Main and East street corner, looking northwest.

The present fire, coming just after the completion of handsome improvements and with a very large stock on hand, is the greatest loss Mr. Stutson has ever sustained. The entire \$80,000 stock is a total loss, the only thing saved was the office books.

The Stutson store has been the pride of this section of the state and the entire town and county and it was gratifying beyond expression when Mr. Stutson said today that in all probability he would go into business again as soon as arrangements could be made. It will be several days before his enormous business

can be adjusted sufficiently to warrant the formation of future plans.

This afternoon the safe with its books locked in was gotten out of the debris.

If Mr. Stutson waits for the rebuilding of the Temple it will be next summer before he will be actively in business, but there is hope that arrangements can be made for earlier re-opening.

The Masons are offering to build him a larger and finer store than he had before in the new Temple, which they are already planning to rebuild.

Mr. Stutson has opened a temporary office in the Favey block.

### MORE TENANTS WHO SUFFERED.

Mrs. Katherine Fortier, who had a dressmaking establishment in Masonic Temple, and the Metropolitan Life Insurance company were among the tenants who suffered loss.

Mrs. Fortier, who was one of the last out of the building, lost everything in the suite of rooms, and \$500 is a small estimate, which was total, as she carried no insurance.

The Metropolitan lost fixtures and supplies to the value of about \$200. This was partially covered by insurance.



## THE NEW MAYOR



HARVE W. SMITH

Washington's new mayor, Harve W. Smith, stepped into office at midnight Sunday night, when ex-Mayor Allen met him in conference at Smith Bros. restaurant, and officially turned over the office, extending best wishes for a successful administration and proffering to Mayor Smith offers of all assistance that he might render.

Mayor Smith's first official act consisted in an order relieving Company M of further duty. This was given to Capt. Howard Allen. Mayor Smith then deputized six members of Company M as special patrolmen to patrol the neighborhood surrounding the ruins. These men are Roy Thompson, George Sprague, Wm. Groves, Harry Cartwright, Ernest Pummell, Warren Williams. They will be on duty several days, or until all danger of falling walls is past.

Service Director John Anders tendered his resignation instead of

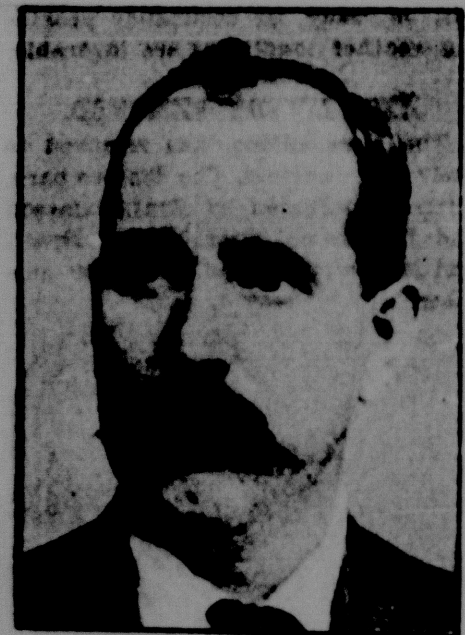
waiting the full week, and Mayor Smith promptly administered the oath of office to the new service director, J. M. Baker, who then assumed his duties in the office.

Mayor Smith met Adjutant General Weybrecht, who came down to view the ruins and see Company M on duty, and to Gen. Weybrecht he highly complimented Capt. Howard Allen and Company M for the great service rendered the city.

As first official of the city, Mayor Smith will officially extend thanks on behalf of the city to Washington's sister cities who rendered valuable aid. The question of paying the cities will be taken up without delay.

Little remained of the papers and books of the mayor's office after the fire, even the seal being consumed. The docket and cash book were turned over to Mr. Smith Monday morning. These were the only books saved.

## New Police Chief F. M. McCoy



Washington's new police chief, F. M. McCoy, assumed the duties of his office Sunday night, Chief of Police Devaney turning over what little property was left in his possession.

Chief McCoy had previously taken the oath of office, together with day patrolman Robert Cogswell, and both were on duty Monday. Night Patrolman Noah Bell was on duty in the after part of Sunday night, and his hours will be much the same as usual.

Outgoing Chief Wm. Devaney, who was completely worn out after being on duty from early Saturday morning until Sunday night, sought his bed immediately.

## Injured Man Is Recovering

James Palmer, injured by a falling wall while fighting the fire in the alley between the Masonic Temple and the Dahl-Millikan building, is resting easy and is now thought to be on the road to recovery.

The internal hemorrhages have ceased, and he spent a very restful night considering the nature of his injuries. His right hip is fractured and in addition to fractured ribs, he is badly bruised.

When the wall struck him his companions sprang forward and removed him from the perilous position. Thanks to his injuries he did not work in fighting the flames.

## Arrive From the West

The 11:11 B. & O. train Sunday night brought back from Los Angeles, Cal., to her home town, the remains of Mrs. William Campbell, accompanied by her little daughter, Virginia, her sister, Mrs. T. W. Marchant, and aunt, Mrs. M. V. Logan.

The sad party arrived in Chicago on the Santa Fe limited at noon Sunday, being an hour late. Mr. Wm. Campbell and Mr. C. H. Murray were waiting to accompany them home.

The B. & O. held their train so that they made unusually good connections and were able to arrive Sunday night instead of Monday morning as had been expected.

Relatives and friends were in waiting at the train and the remains were taken to the home of Mrs. Marchant. Private funeral services will be held there Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, and interment in the family lot in the Washington cemetery.

## Opened Up

Having been burnt out in the Masonic Temple I am now located in my dental office in the corner room of the Pavey block over the Midland bank. DR. CLAYTON LANUM.

## SOME DANGEROUS WALLS ARE PULLED DOWN.

The extremely hazardous work of pulling down the rotten walls of the ruins commenced immediately after the fire subsided, and is being carried on by a gang of workmen who have used everything from a traction engine down to block and tackle.

The rotten southeast wall of Masonic Temple was the worst wall to handle, being so dangerous until a portion had been removed, that near approach was to court death. By herculean efforts all of the southeast wall was pulled down except the mammoth chimney, which still remains.

Other walls have been thrown by using ropes with block and tackle and a "crab". Hundreds of onlookers have watched the dangerous work program, and the occasional roar of falling brick and mortar tell of the progress made. It may be necessary to use dynamite upon some of the more difficult walls, or else they will be allowed to stand until torn down to make room for the larger and better buildings which promise to spring up within the next few months.

From early in the morning people crowded the streets, prevented from getting close to the ruins by the patrol of militia that under the command of Major Hall Allen and Captain Howard Allen, did such splendid service on the night of the fire. Heart-sick as spectators were, by the contrast between the handsome business block of the day before and the present havoc, there was a fascination about it, and throngs gazed upon the wreck. Ashes still smoldered, a huge flame of natural gas burst out from the site of the Temple like a geyser, and its tongue of fire created fresh alarm; high tottering walls shook with each rush of the wind and finally crashed to the ground with a force that reverberated over the town.

The walls of the Temple were mostly down the night before, the high northwest wall standing yesterday, and at its top a trellis of brick that aroused wondering comment that it could stand the winds. It was noon before the tall corner walls of the Imperial Hotel thundered to the ground and still they kept falling until late in the afternoon, when an engine was brought to the scene and began the further demolition.

From all over the county and from neighboring cities, people flocked in as fast as autos, vehicles and trains could bring them and the town presented almost a home-coming scene, but with none of the joy and glad greeting of the home-coming.

But even while appalled at the horror of the scene the valiant spirit which has largely made Washington C. H. the stirring, progressive city that she is, began to assert itself even within sight of the ruins optimism began to resume sway. "Wait until this time next year, you'll see this block bigger and handsomer than ever. You can't keep Washington and its business men down" was the remark of a well-known Columbus man on the scene and it was echoed by every one of the hundreds of spectators. The scene of the Masonic temple block on the morning of 1913 will be entirely different from the tragic one of 1912.

## The Cycle of Thirteen

Fateful "cycle of thirteen"! Can it be that the unlucky thirteen has worked its baleful charm upon our city and upon its progressive merchants?

It was Sept., 1885, when the cyclone swept fury like over Washington, and devastated the Stutson store; it was just thirteen years, Sept., 1898, when the new Masonic Temple, with Stutson's magnificent store just opened, fell a victim to

the flames, and now the third cycle of thirteen, waits to take its toll until the last day of 1911, and once more the Temple and Stutson's store lie in ruins.

Superstition you say—probably. But for all this, the mysterious cycle of thirteen suggests black magic and the community is willing that its venom runs in cycles of three and that the third and last of these cycles, according to witchcraft, ends forever the curse of thirteen.

## Many Professional Men Secure New Offices

There has been a sudden demand for desirable office rooms by the business and professional men whose offices were consumed in the various buildings destroyed.

The splendid office rooms in the Pavey building over the Midland bank, which have been vacant since the building was erected, are all rented.

Dr. C. V. Lanum rented Rooms No. 1 and 2 for dental parlors. Attorney Frank A. Chaffin has rooms No. 3 and 4. C. A. Cave and Frank M. Kennedy room No. 5. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company,

whose office was burned in Masonic Temple, has rented room No. 6. Mrs. Fortler occupies one of the large rooms. Mr. Frank Stutson will occupy No. 7 for a time, using it for an office.

Ed L. Bush, whose office fixtures represented an outlay of more than \$2000 with \$1000 of insurance, perished in Masonic Temple, and Carey F. Daughn have rented the rooms formerly occupied by the township trustees in the Sherman block on Court street.

The trustees have rented room No. 12 in the Pavey building. All other rooms in the building are tenanted.

## NEW ELKS' HOME

More Than a Possibility of the Future

MEMBERS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

Present indications are that Washington lodge of B. P. O. Elks No. 129, will erect a magnificent home of its own, costing from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

This plan has been growing among the 175 members of the order since their home in the Masonic Temple was destroyed, the sentiment toward erecting such a home spreading like wildfire, and some of the most prominent Elks of the local lodge express themselves as confident that they no longer rent their lodge parlors after temporary arrangements are once made, but will erect a magnificent building that will be a monument to the enterprising local lodge, and a splendid addition to the city blocks.

So far the plan to erect such a building is but dimly outlined, but the intention to do so is gaining in favor so rapidly that early action is expected which will assure such a movement upon the part of the local lodge of Elks.

The total cost of the Elks' lodge is approximately \$2500, although some of the fixtures were not valued in dollars and cents and cannot be replaced. The lodge treasure is a great many of the most prominent

persons in this and adjoining cities in her ranks and is financially strong.

All members interviewed upon the plan of erecting their own building have been very enthusiastic over the proposed plans.

The only property saved from the fire was the charter, which Mr. Harry Baker seized just as the dense smoke crept into the rooms and carried it to safety. An Elk head, valued at \$500 was among the ornaments destroyed.

Monday morning Exalted Ruler Jess W. Smith received the following telegram from Chillicothe:

"Chillicothe lodge of Elks sympathizes with Washington lodge in its loss. What can we do for you? We await your command. Wm. Greenbalm, Sect. Lodge 52."

The good Samaritan spirit of the Chillicothe Elks is greatly appreciated by the Washington herd.

Boxes of good things for some fifty needy children, which had been prepared to distribute as New Year's gifts to the children, perished in the flames. This order will be duplicated at once, and the children will have their baskets of good things yet.

## Notice to Knights of Pythias

Confidence lodge will meet tonight in new hall. Well heated, well lighted, plenty of standing room. Come on boys.

HENRY D. SMITH, C. C.  
H. M. KINGSBURY, K. E. & S.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

## Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.

We have secured quarters in  
**The Pavey Block, Room 5**

where business will go on without interruption. Would be pleased to see any of our policy holders at new headquarters.

GEO. D. CRAFT, Asst. Supt.

## Photo Post Cards OF BIG FIRE

Herbert C. Campbell

PHOTOGRAPHER

Over Fayette County Bank

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WERE FROM OUR PHOTOS

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Get a policy today of "He Will Treat You Right." He has the "Right" insurance methods. He has the "Right" companies—the largest and strongest agency in Washington C. H., Ohio. It is time for you to act RIGHT NOW!

Will you do as you always have done—put it off? Then don't blame me; I have tried to get you to act.

There is not a manufacturer, merchant or property owner in Washington that carries enough insurance, because in case of total loss they are carrying in many cases not ONE-HALF enough insurance.

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**NATIONAL GUARDS**

**RELIEVED TODAY.**

After 36 hours of patrol duty, Co. M. O. N. G., was withdrawn at 8:10 o'clock, after roping off the dangerous ruins and making everything as secure as possible.

The company was dismissed by the new mayor, Harve W. Smith, after it became apparent that their services were no longer required, and that a few special police could take care of the situation.

Many of the guards were almost exhausted by the exposure and long vigil over the dangerous ruins.

The services of Company M probably saved more lives than one in holding the crowds back, and keeping the streets clear so the firemen could not be hindered by the curious throngs.

The officers of the company have been warmly complimented upon the manner in which the guards conducted themselves, and for the valuable aid rendered when it was so badly needed.

**F. & A. M. Reception**

The F. & A. M. New Year's reception for which invitations have been issued to all Masons and their ladies will be held tonight from 7 until 10 o'clock at Memorial Hall, the use of which has been tendered to the fraternity.

**ADJUSTER BUSILY**

**ADJUSTING CLAIMS.**

The firm of Mangson, Weiss, Harding and Dowdall, insurance adjusters of Cincinnati, are upon the scene and have been retained by a number of those who suffered loss, to represent them in settling the insurance claims.

This firm of adjusters is represented by Mr. Weiss and Mr. Stagg, who arrived Monday morning and commenced work at once.

**PLANNED INCREASE**

**OF FIRE INSURANCE.**

Just before noon Saturday members of the Board of Masonic Hall trustees discussed the feasibility of increasing the insurance on the Masonic Temple from \$28,000 to \$40,000, and this was virtually decided upon.

Had the fire occurred a week later this increase would undoubtedly have been in effect, and the loss would not have been so heavy by \$12,000.

**CRIES OF FIRE ABOVE**

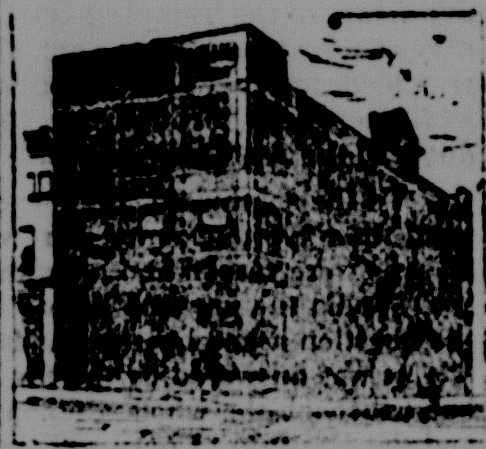
**MASONIC TEMPLE TENANTS.**

When the cry of fire arose from the room and street below, Ray Post, Kent Hopkins and Robert Edge were in the Bachelors' club rooms, and thought some disturbance on the street caused the cries.

When the fire bell tapped and the cries below grew plainer the three young men sprang into the hallway and saw the smoke and reflection from the flames. They hurried down stairs, and when they reached back a few moments later to secure their charter and other papers, the Bachelors' lodge room was smoking again, and in the ascending smoke they stumbled down the stairs to safety.

**Katz's Building**

**"The Fire Wall"**



The building of Leo Katz, together with the strenuous efforts put forth by a score of persons in smothering the fire with fifty pairs of wet blankets, may rightly be termed "the fire wall" which stood between the flames and the destruction of the square of buildings between Main and Fayette streets.

A number of times the building was on fire, but each time it was quickly smothered with wet blankets. The windows cracked and several fell out, allowing the burning embers to drift into the third floor. These were extinguished, and relays of wet blankets kept over the windows as much as possible.

The dense smoke poured into the second and third floors, doing hundreds of dollars' worth of damage. The heroic work of Mr. Katz and his corps of assistants, together with the nature of the structure, probably saved another half million dollar loss.

**CHEMICALS BURN**

**MAKING SEA OF INK.**

In the room over the Sparks hardware store James Pursell operated an ink and shoe polish factory, having a great many chemicals of various kinds stored in the rooms.

During the chemicals was a keg of powder used in manufacturing ink. This keg, from the building and located upon the elevator, during the course of the fire, came falling from the ceiling to the floor, and the powder was a sea of purple.

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**To All Our Patrons and Friends:**

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We thank you sincerely for your generous patronage during the year just closed and hope to merit a share of it during the year of 1912.

**Revised Losses**

Firm	Estimated Losses	Estimated Insurance
Masonic Temple Co.	\$ 30,000	\$20,000
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Spotts Co. Bldg. Co., room (R. C. Hunt)	10,000	7,000
Toy Shop	15,000	7,000
Westward Block	15,000	7,000
Fayette Co. Bldg., stock	40,000	23,000
Frank L. Stutsen, stock	95,000	50,000
Masonic Equipment	30,000	7,000
Gray Spauld, hardware	8,000	5,000
Pear Brown, collections	7,000	2,000
Harry Hyer, plumber	1,000	400
Bowens Studio	500	500
K. of P. Lodge	3,500	2,500
Elks' Lodge	5,000	3,000
Lulu Theobald, milliner	1,000	400
Allen & Allen	400	400
John Logan, attorney	3,000	None
E. L. Bush, attorney	2,000	1,000
C. E. Hughes, attorney	500	None
Dr. C. V. Lamm	500	None
Bachelors' Club	700	300
Washington Water Co.	400	200
Edison Sisters	300	200
Western Star	300	300
James Pursell, manufacturer	500	400
E. L. Seviner, piano store	500	300
A. J. Clarke, attorney	1,000	1,000
Robert Hyer, stock	500	400
Spotts Co. Bldg. Co.	500	None
Edison Co.	100	100
A. C. Cox and sons	100	100
James J. Jones, tobacco Co.	100	100
Edison Co. Bldg. Co.	500	300
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## THE FUTURE.

Washington has been dealt a staggering blow.

The loss in property, on account of Saturday night's fire is appalling, but the loss to the merchants affected directly and indirectly by the dreadful visitation is beyond calculation.

It does no good, in times like these, to undertake to place the blame or waste time and energy in pointing out just how the disaster might have been averted, or its appalling consequences lessened.

The wholesome thing to do is to set our faces resolutely to the front and, profiting by the terrible lesson taught, so shape our course and govern our future conduct that a repetition of Saturday night's calamity will be impossible.

This city has grown and prospered during the last ten years, but that due provision was not made to protect the property and business gain with which fortune has blessed us, has been made plain to us in a way which admits of no dispute.

Attention has been repeatedly, through various channels, called to the fact that Washington had long since put aside her village clothes and had blossomed out into a full fledged city and that provision should be made to properly handle the responsibilities which came with that change.

Our derelictions in that regard have cost us dearly and let us hope that the lesson taught will not be forgotten.

It will not be. Washington has proved herself equal to every occasion which has arisen thus far and no let up in the progressive spirit among her citizens is yet apparent.

The stricken merchants and real estate owners are gradually recovering from the effects of the blow and before a dozen hours had rolled by were formulating their plans for the future and refusing to think of the past and what might have been.

The loss to those who will lose employment is, of course, heavy, and irreparable. The loss to those indirectly affected, is beyond calculation. The property loss, enormous as it is, does not tell half the story of loss. It is the indirect loss in business large and small in the city which is heaviest.

While there is no doubt that from the wreck of buildings and business there will arise greater structures and splendid businesses, yet the lesson taught and the warning given should prove proportionately beneficial to its heavy cost.

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All eyes are now turned to the future and over the blackened ruins of yesterday the bright rainbow of tomorrow and its hopes is already shedding its lustrous light.

## THE OLD AND THE NEW.

It is now Mayor Harve W. Smith. Last night at midnight the administration of Mayor Allen came to an official end and the administration of Mayor Smith commenced.

Many of the formal details of surrender and assumption of authority were attended to earlier in the evening and prior to the time designated by law when the official change should take place.

Every citizen of Washington wishes Mayor Smith a happy New Year and a successful, peaceful and prosperous administration.

He assumes the duties of his office at a time when the people of Washington are still staggering under the effects of Saturday night's disaster.

He finds the moral atmosphere of the city of the highest type and it should be, and he announces that it will be his constant aim and effort to keep it up to the present high standard.

Mayor Smith has a host of work to do and that he will prove fully equal to the discharge of his important tasks is the hope and the belief of all good citizens.

He assumes the duties of his office with a united citizenship as his ally, with disputes of political, and therefore minor consequence, forgotten in the great work which is just ahead.

The best wishes of the people go with ex-Mayor Allen, in his return to private life, for the many good deeds he has done and the best of wishes are extended to Mayor Smith for the many good deeds he is confidently expected to perform.

A happy New Year to both the out-going and the incoming administration. A bigger and a better Washington and a contented, happy and law-abiding people, mindful of the past with its pleasures and sorrows and bright hopes for the future and what it holds for us.

## WILL REBUILD

The representatives of the various branches of Masons met at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the I. O. O. F. hall, the courtesies of which were immediately extended by the Odd Fellows.

The Masons, after consultation and the appointment of committees, passed a resolution of sympathy to Mr. Stutson and the other tenants of the building, assuring them that within a reasonable length of time they would provide them with a home bigger and better than ever.

# Night of Terror

Call For Aid Is Wired by Mayor Allen to Columbus, to Springfield and to Wilmington, When Local Facilities Prove Insufficient.

Washington Saturday night was visited by one of the worst calamities in her history. With possibly one exception the property loss was the greatest ever sustained in the city.

The alarm of fire, at about 8 o'clock, called the department to the big department store of F. L. Stutson, where fire was raging in the basement among the boxes and waste paper.

At first it seemed that the fire could be confined to the basement, and six streams of water were poured into the rear the basement.

The headway made by the angry flames in the highly inflammable material in the basement far exceeded the calculations of those fighting the flames, and within a comparatively short time it burst through the floor at the front end of the store with a roaring, hissing, crackling noise like the blast from a monster furnace.

The proprietors and clerks then realized that no human power, with the facilities at hand, could check the awful Fire Monster's progress. Those who ventured into the basement with fire extinguishers and lines of hose were driven back by the roaring flames from the seething inferno below the first floor.

Mr. William T. Holmes saw in an instant that the structure was doomed and dashed to the office for such books and papers as he could carry out with him. Before he could gather up some of the most valuable papers the hair of his head, his neck and back were scorched by the flames which were by that time leaping and dancing in and out in the dense smoke like so many hungry demons.

The clerks hurriedly seized their wraps and fled to the street. In an incredibly short time the whole interior of the Stutson store was a mass of flames.

To eat through to the second floor consuming offices and the magnificent lodge and club rooms and on and up to the third floor and lodge rooms of Masons and Commandry, the Eastern Star, the K. of P., the Pythian Sisters, consuming costly furnishing, valuable books and papers, relics and paraphernalia which could not be replaced with money, was the work of moments only for the wild Fire King.

Through the roof of the largest building in the city the flames leaped skyward into the darkness until it seemed that the very clouds would be pierced. Blazing embers of varying sizes up to the size of large shingles were whirled out and on from the furnace.

The heroic efforts of the local fire fighters made no appreciable impression on the fire's progress.

The angry flames belched out of every aperture in the doomed structure; the fearful arms of fire, with an ease which laughed at man's feeble attempts to baffle them, reached across the narrow alley to the south and dashed into the windows of the large four-story warehouse and office building of the Dahl-Millikan Grocery Company, and soon volumes of dense black smoke was pouring from every crevice and crack of the building.

It was then seen that the wholesale house was doomed. With a crash and roar which could be heard for miles the roof and floors of the Temple gave away. Sparks and burning cinders and blazing planks shot skyward. The great front wall trembled, tottered and fell outward with a rumble and roar just as flames burst through the roof and from the windows and doors of the wholesale house.

To the southward, then where the fire was eating its way toward the Fayette County Hardware building and the Imperial hotel all eyes were turned and all efforts at rescue were directed.

Would the fire stop before it reached the railroad yards was the question asked by thousands.

It was answered by the fire itself, which, as soon as it had burst through the wholesale house attacked the rear of the hotel and the Hardware Company rooms.

The immense stock of groceries of all kinds and the large four story building of the Dahl Millikan Company was consumed absolutely by the flames in less than thirty minutes so resistless and so rapid was the march of the fire.

With the crash of the walls of the Dahl Millikan Company as they fell into the streets the flames leaped through the smoke which filled the Imperial hotel from cellar to roof and from kitchen to office.

The Hardware Company's immense stock was consumed in a twinkling. The cartridges let go like bunches of immense fire crackers as did also the seventy-five thousand rounds of ammunition in the Dahl Millikan Company.

Just as the awe-stricken thousands had begun to hope that the fire would run its course with the destruction of the hotel it was discovered that the Judy block to the north on Main street and the westward block to the north on Court street were in flames.

All hope of saving anything on the entire half block was then abandoned and fears for the safety of property across the street to the east and to the north and the entire business section in that direction seized all.

The steady rain which had continued all day had so thoroughly soaked the surrounding roofs that the flying fire-brands did not do the damage which would have ensued had the buildings been dry.

The work of saving the immense warehouses of the Grocery Company was greatly aided by the cement being away from them.

Several times the elevator tower of the fire-proof cold storage plant was in flames, ignited by the awful heat, but the fire was unable to get down into the building.

Heavy plate glass windows across Main street were cracked and shattered in bits by the heat of the flames.

It was an awful night of terror and destruction and Washington business district was saved from complete annihilation by the heaven-sent rain which kept the surrounding property soaked with water.

The losses to Washington's business is almost beyond estimation.

The merchants are paralyzed with the enormity of the calamity, and have not yet formulated any definite plans.

# The Washington Savings Bank



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We have opened a modern paint shop in connection with our plant and will give special attention to

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## Overhaul Your Auto.

repair and paint same and otherwise put your vehicles in good order. All work guaranteed to be equal to the best. NO CHARGE WILL BE MADE FOR STORAGE DURING WINTER SEASON ON CARS OVERHAULED AND PAINTED BY US. Give us a call.

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We arrange loans on Furniture, Pianos and Stock. Long time, easy payments. See us if you need money

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## SOLDIERS GUARD THE WRECKAGE

*Blackened Walls Stand Out Boldly Against the Moonlit Sky  
Of Stormy Winter Night*

In Ruins the Fire Monster Still Fitfully Flashes Forth Flames of Wrath in Last  
Expiring Effort at Destruction

## THOUSANDS VIEW THE RUINS ON SUNDAY

Distinguished Visitors From Abroad Arrived on Every Train---Adjutant General  
Weybrecht and Members of His Staff Are On Hand

*Before Twelve Hours Had Passed Stricken Merchants and Property Owners Were Making Plans For The Future.*

*From the Ruins and Ashes of That Which Was Will Arise, Phoenix Like,  
That Which Is To Be.*

Officials of the City Exhausted With Hard Work and  
Nervous Strain.

Masons Pass Resolutions of Sympathy to Tenants  
Who Suffered in Loss, and Give Promise of a New  
Home More Splendid Than The One Destroyed.

Merchants Still Undecided on Definite Plans For  
The Future.

Insurance Adjusters Arrive Promptly on the Scene and  
are Already Engaged With Those Who Suffered  
Loss in the Big Fire.

Scenes and Incidents of Washington's Greatest Disaster

The last day of 1911 dawned with a gloom that enveloped the entire town. Many had been up all night and the clang of the fire bells, the roar of the flames and the crash of falling walls was the first thought of those who had caught a few hours' of restless sleep.

The night of horror—a horror that has never been equalled since the cyclone, bearing in its wake such devastation and ruin, will leave its pall over our city for many a day.

For hours hearts had stopped still as the spreading flames crept and tore like wild living things and it looked as if all of Washington's entire business center was doomed. In many home bags were packed and valuables put together as blazing members were seen floating for blocks. Only the deluge of rain and the water soaked buildings saved the town.

As if from a terrible night-mare people woke, but it was only to see the grey winter sun rising over the spectre of what had been Washington's pride.

Instead of the stately stone Masonic temple, with its imposing facade, instead of the handsome hotel and its adjoining business rooms, there were gaunt piles of brick and timbers, huge, unsightly ruins that bore mute testimony to the power of the fire king.

From early in the morning people crowded the streets, prevented from getting close to the ruins by the patrol of militia, that under the command of Major Rell Allen and Captain Howard Allen, did such splendid service on the night of the fire. Heart-sick as spectators were, by the contrast between the handsome business block of the day before and the present havoc, there was a fascination about it, and throngs gazed upon the wreck. Ashes still smouldered, a huge flame of natural gas burst out from the site of the Temple like a geyser, and its

tongue of fire created fresh alarm; high tottering walls shook with each rush of the wind and finally crashed to the ground with a force that reverberated over the town.

The walls of the Temple were mostly down the night before, the high northwest wall standing yet, and at its top a trellis of brick that aroused wondering comment that it could stand the winds. It was noon before the tall corner walls of the Imperial Hotel thundered to the ground and still they kept falling until late in the afternoon, when an engine was brought to the scene and began the further demolition.

From all over the county and from neighboring cities, people flocked in as fast as autos, vehicles and trains could bring them and the town presented almost a home-coming scene, but with none of the joy and glad greeting of the home-coming.

But even while appalled at the horror of the scene the valiant spirit which has largely made Washington C. H. the stirring, progressive city that she is, began to assert itself even within sight of the ruins optimism began to resume sway. "Wait until this time next year, you'll see this block bigger and handsomer than ever. You can't keep Washington and its business men down" was the remark of a well-known Columbus man on the scene and it was echoed by every one of the hundreds of spectators. The scene of the Masonic temple block on the morning of 1913 will be entirely different from the tragic one of 1912.

### HOTEL IMPERIAL



The above is an excellent picture of the beautiful Hotel Imperial, representing a value of \$30,000 which was completely devoured by the Saturday night conflagration. The host, Mr. Fred Hays, lost all of his valuable furnishings. At present he has no plans for the future. The owner of the hotel building, Mr. R. C. Hunt, stated this morning that he is undecided as to whether or not he will rebuild.



**"It is Better to Carry Insurance All the Time and Not Need It, Than Need It Once and Not Carry It."**

Mr. and Mrs. Manufacturer, Business Block Owner, Merchant, Dwelling House Owner, Household Goods Owner, you are most cordially invited to DO YOUR DUTY and do it NOW!

Get a policy today of "He Will Treat You Right". He has the "Right" insurance methods. He has the "Right" companies—the largest and strongest agency in Washington, C. H. O. It is time for you to act RIGHT NOW!

Will you do as you have always done—put it off? Then don't blame me; I have tried to get you to act.

There is not a manufacturer, merchant or property owner in Washington that carries enough insurance, because in case of total loss they are carrying in many cases not ONE HALF enough insurance.

Can you afford to do this another minute? A policy with me is sure protection.

**MY COMPANIES**  
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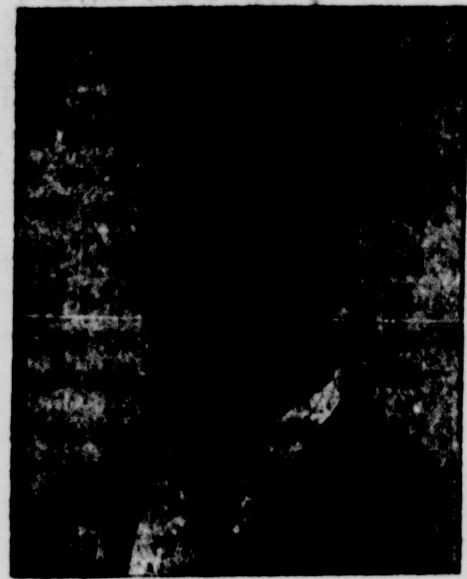
None better in the world. Will you give me your order today?  
**FRANK M. FULLERTON.**

## F. & A. M. Reception

The F. & A. M. New Year's reception for which invitations have been issued to all Masons and their ladies will be held tonight from 7 until 10 o'clock at Memorial Hall, the use of which has been tendered to the fraternity.

H. B. DAHL.

B. H. MILLIKAN



Large stockholders and official heads of large wholesale grocery firm which is heavy loser in fire.

## Sunday Extra Warmly Received

The people of Washington were treated to a genuine surprise yesterday when the *Daily Herald* was issued in an extra fire edition of four pages giving an illustration and complete account of the district destroyed by the terrible fire of Saturday night.

Owing to lack of electric current composition on the extra was made by hand and it was not until four o'clock in the evening that current was provided to run the big press. Just before dusk the edition began to reach the streets in the hands of a dozen newsboys.

The shouts of the boys, "Daily Herald Fire Extra!" brought crowds surging around each one and the boys invariably sold out in a few moments. People almost fought with each other to secure copies of the paper, the first that was ever issued in the city of Washington on Sunday.

Sunday's edition filled the bill. It gave the first definite and authoritative news of the appalling disaster. The welcome with which the *Herald's* Fire Extra was accorded on the street was very gratifying.

**Simon Collars**  
Oldest Brand in America

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**  
THE DIAMOND BRAND.  
For Constipation, Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Gravel, Gout, Piles, Hemorrhoids, Catarrh of the Bladder, and all the ailments of the bowels and bladder. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

## National Guards Relieved Today

After 36 hours of patrol duty, Co. M, O. N. G., was withdrawn at 8:10 o'clock, after roping off the dangerous ruins and making everything as secure as possible.

The company was dismissed by the new mayor, Harve W. Smith, after it became apparent that their services were no longer required, and that a few special police could take care of the situation.

Many of the guards were almost exhausted by the exposure and long vigil over the dangerous ruins.

The services of Company M probably saved more lives than one in holding the crowds back, and keeping the streets clear so the firemen could not be hindered by the curious throngs.

The officers of the company have been warmly complimented upon the manner in which the guards conducted themselves, and for the valuable aid rendered when it was so badly needed.

## Newspapermen And Photographers

A number of newspaper correspondents from some of the larger city daily papers were present, together with staff photographers from three of the leading papers.

Local photographers did the best work, however, and obtained a number of excellent pictures. Herbert Campbell kept his camera busy during the flames and obtained some vivid imprints of the flames by night.

Monday morning's *Enquirer* carried three large front page pictures of the ruins taken by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Hays and Mr. DeWees obtained a number of splendid photos and post-card photos of the ruins are now on sale.

Scores of cameras were used by local residents and visitors.



## Planned Increase Of Fire Insurance

Just before noon Saturday members of the Board of Masonic Hall trustees discussed the feasibility of increasing the insurance on the Masonic Temple from \$28,000 to \$40,000, and this was virtually decided upon.

Had the fire occurred a week later this increase would undoubtedly have been in effect, and the loss would not have been so heavy by \$12,000.

## Adjusters Busy To Settle Claims

The firm of Mangson, Weiss, Harding and Dowdall, insurance adjusters of Cincinnati, are upon the scene and have been retained by a number of those who suffered loss, to represent them in settling the insurance claims.

This firm of adjusters is represented by Mr. Weiss and Mr. Staggs, who arrived Monday morning and commenced work at once.

## Broken Hydrant Floods Corner

A broken hydrant at the Sharp fountain corner, allowed a great quantity of water to escape at a critical time during the fire, greatly lessening the pressure.

This hydrant continued to spout water until a late hour Monday. During the night the falling water froze, covering the sidewalk and street, and turning two of the fountain light pedestals into large columns of ice.

## Many Hundreds Of Visitors Here

So great was the publicity given the fire disaster that in addition to the thousands of persons who visited this city on Sunday for the purpose of viewing the ruins, additional hundreds poured into the city Monday, and gazed upon the remains of what had been the cream of the business section.

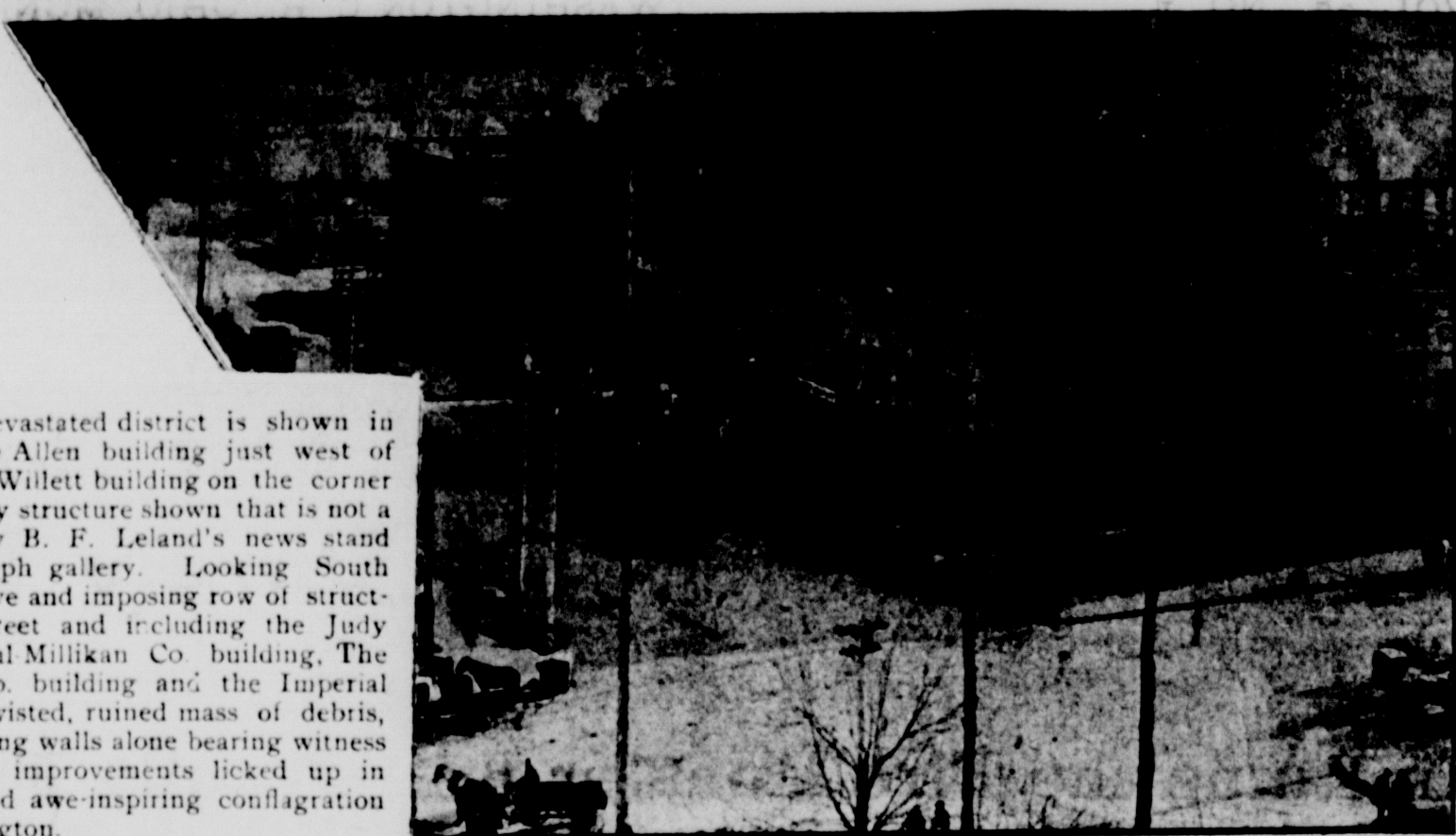
All of the surrounding cities and towns contributed their share of visitors, and expressions of sympathy for the stricken business men and the city were heard on all sides.

## Chemicals Burn Making Sea of Ink

In the room over the Sparks hardware store James Pursell operated an ink and shoe polish factory, having a great many chemicals of various kinds stored in the rooms.

Among the chemicals was a keg of powder used in manufacturing indelible inks, etc. This fell from the building and burst upon the sidewalk, causing thousands of gallons of water flowing down the gutter to turn purple. This was tracked about the street by the firemen until the street was a sea of purple.

# THE FIRE ZONE



The extent of the fire-devastated district is shown in the picture above, except the Allen building just west of Main street on Court. The Willett building on the corner of Main and Court is the only structure shown that is not a total ruin. It is occupied by B. F. Leland's news stand and Delbert Hays' photograph gallery. Looking South from this building the massive and imposing row of structures, extending to East street and including the Judy block, Masonic Temple, Dahl Millikan Co. building, The Fayette County Hardware Co. building and the Imperial Hotel, now lies a seething, twisted, ruined mass of debris, with small portions of towering walls alone bearing witness to the grandeur of the stately improvements licked up in the worst and most terrific and awe-inspiring conflagration that ever occurred in Washington.



**No More Constipation ---WHEE!**

It's Me for Olive Tablets.

That is the joyful cry of thousands since Dr. Edwards produced Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel. Dr. Edwards, a practicing physician for 17 years and Calomel's old-time enemy, discovered the formula for Olive Tablets while treating patients for chronic constipation and torpid livers.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets do not contain calomel, but a healing, soothing laxative.

No griping is the "keynote" of these little sugar-coated tablets.

They cause the bowels and liver to act normal. They never force them to unnatural action.

It is easy to compel bowel and liver activity for a time with calomel and nasty, sickening, griping castor oil, but the after effects are dangerous, and the real cause of the trouble is often not even touched.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are so easy to take that children do not regard them as "medicine" at all.

If you have a "dark brown mouth" now and then—a bad breath—a dull, tired feeling—sick headache—torpid liver and constipated, you'll find quick, sure and only pleasant results from one or two little Olive Tablets at bedtime. They're perfectly harmless.

Thousands take one every night just to keep right. Try them.

"Every little Olive Tablet has a movement all its own."

10c and 25c per box.

The Olive Tablet Company of Columbus, Ohio.

**When you feel discouraged, nervous, tired, worried or despondent it is a sure sign you need MOTT'S NERVE-PILLS.** They renew the normal vigor and make life worth living. Be sure and ask for **Mott's Nerve-Pills** Price \$1.00 by druggists. **WILLIAMS MFG. CO.,** Props., Cleveland, Ohio. Sold at Brown's Drug Store.

## Some Losses Incalculable

Losses of incalculable character as a result of the fire are recorded in the destruction of important lodge records belonging to the various societies that were housed in the Masonic Temple, City records in the office of Mayor Allen and the probability that court papers were lost

in the offices of Attorneys.

It is reported that portions of the lodge records were saved, but those destroyed can never be replaced. Mayor Allen recovered a portion of his books, including the records of fines and licenses paid in, but at present it is thought all of the dockets were destroyed.

**ELMER A. KLEVER,**  
Funeral Director.

Bell Phones: Res. 294-2; Office 294. Citiz. Phones: Res. 151; Office 180.

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Henry Sparks, hardware	9,000	5,000
Peter Brown, confections	7,000	2,800
Harry Hyer, plumber	1,000	400
DeWees Studio	500	500
K. of P. Lodge	3,500	2,500
Elks' Lodge	5,000	3,000
Lulu Theobald, milliner	1,000	400
Allen & Allen	800	400
John Logan, attorney	3,000	None
E. L. Bush, attorney	1,000	1,000
C. E. Baughn, attorney	500	None
Dr. C. V. Lanum	500	None
Bachelors' Club	700	1300
Washington Water Co.	400	200
Pythian Sisters	500	200
Eastern Star	500	300
James Pursell, manufacturer	500	400
J. H. Barkimer, piano store	500	300
F. A. Chaffin, attorney	1,000	1,000
Delbert Hays, studio	500	400
Citizens' Telephone Co.	500	
Bell Phone Co.	100	
C. A. Cave, real estate	100	
Western Union Telegraph Co.	100	
<b>Totals,</b>	<b>\$408,000</b>	<b>\$216,200</b>

Estimated loss above insurance, \$191,800

## FAYETTE COUNTY HARDWARE COMPANY



Interior view of the beautiful and immense storeroom of The Fayette County Hardware Company. This splendid room and of its contents was entirely destroyed by Saturday night's fire.



# Night of Terror

Call For Aid is Wired by Mayor Allen to Columbus, to Springfield and to Wilmington, When Local Facilities Prove Insufficient.

Columbus and Wilmington Responded, and Their Fire Fighters Did Herculean Work After Arriving On the Scene. Springfield Was Prevented From Coming by a Fire at Home.

Mighty Cheer Rises From Thousand Throats When Assistance Arrives.

Steamer Taken to Paint Creek and With An Abundance of Hose and Strong Pressure the Fire Demon is Kept Within the One-half Square.

Washington Saturday night was visited by one of the worst calamities in her history. With possibly one exception the property loss was the greatest ever sustained in the city.

The alarm of fire, at about 8 o'clock, called the department to the big department store of F. L. Stutson, where fire was raging in the basement among the boxes and waste paper.

At first it seemed that the fire could be confined to the basement, and six streams of water were poured into the rear the basement.

The headway made by the angry flames in the highly inflammable material in the basement far exceeded the calculations of those fighting the flames, and within a comparatively short time it burst through the floor at the front end of the store with a roaring, hissing, crackling noise like the blast from a monster furnace.

The proprietors and clerks then realized that no human power, with the facilities at hand, could check the awful Fire Monster's progress. Those who ventured into the basement with fire extinguishers and lines of hose were driven back by the roaring flames from the seething inferno below the first floor.

Mr. William T. Holmes saw in an instant that the structure was doomed and dashed to the office for such books and papers as he could carry out with him. Before he could gather up some of the most valuable papers the hair of his head, his neck and back were scorched by the flames which were by that time leaping and dancing in and out in the dense smoke like so many hungry demons.

The clerks hurriedly seized their wraps and fled to the street. In an incredibly short time the whole interior of the Stutson store was a mass of flames.

To eat through to the second floor consuming offices and the magnificent lodge and club rooms and on and up to the third floor and lodge rooms of Masons and Commandry, the Eastern Star, the K. of P., the Pythian Sisters, consuming costly furnishing, valuable books and papers, relics and paraphernalia which could not be replaced with money, was the work of moments only for the wild Fire King.

Through the roof of the largest building in the city the flames leaped skyward into the darkness until it seemed that the very clouds would be pierced. Blazing embers of varying sizes up to the size of large shingles were whirled out and on from the furnace.

The heroic efforts of the local fire fighters made no appreciable impression on the fire's progress.

The angry flames belched out of every aperture in the doomed structure; the fearful arms of fire, with an ease which laughed at man's feeble attempts to baffle them, reached across the narrow alley to the south and dashed into the windows of the large four-story warehouse and office building of the Dahl-Millikan Grocery Company, and soon volumes of dense black smoke was pouring from every crevice and crack of the building.

It was then seen that the wholesale house was doomed. With a crash and roar which could be heard for miles the roof and floors of the Temple gave away. Sparks and burning cinders and blazing planks shot skyward. The great front wall trembled, tottered and fell outward with a rumble and roar just as flames burst through the roof and from the windows and doors of the wholesale house.

To the southward, then where the fire was eating its way toward the Fayette County Hardware building and the Imperial hotel all eyes were turned and all efforts at rescue were directed.

Would the fire stop before it reached the railroad yards was the question asked by thousands.

It was answered by the fire itself, which, as soon as it had burst through the wholesale house attacked the rear of the hotel and the Hardware Company's rooms.

The immense stock of groceries of all kinds and the large four-story building of the Dahl-Millikan Company was consumed absolutely by the flames in less than thirty minutes so resistless and so rapid was the march of the fire.

With the crash of the walls of the Dohl-Millikan Company as they fell into the streets the flames leaped through the smoke which filled the Imperial hotel from cellar to roof and from kitchen to office.

The Hardware Company's immense stock was consumed in a twinkling. The cartridges let go like bunches of immense fire crackers as did also the seventy-five thousand rounds of ammunition in the Dahl-Millikan Company.

Just as the awe-stricken thousands had begun to hope that the fire would run its course with the destruction of the hotel it was discovered that the Judy block to the north on Main street and the westward block to the north on Court street were in flames.

All hope of saving anything on the entire half block was then abandoned and fears for the safety of property across the street to the east and to the north and the entire business section in that direction seized all.

The steady rain which had continued all day had so thoroughly soaked the surrounding roofs that the flying fire-

brands did not do the damage which would have ensued had the buildings been dry.

The work of saving the immense warehouses of the Grocery Company was greatly aided by the cement being away from them.

Several times the elevator tower of the fire-proof cold storage plant was in flames, ignited by the awful heat, but the fire was unable to get down into the building.

Heavy plate glass windows across Main street were cracked and shattered in bits by the heat of the flames.

It was an awful night of terror and destruction and Washington business district was saved from complete annihilation by the heaven-sent rain which kept the surrounding property soaked with water.

The losses to Washington's business is almost beyond estimation.

The merchants are paralyzed with the enormity of the calamity, and have not yet formulated any definite plans.

## SEEN FOR MILES

The great glare illuminating the sky, was plainly visible for many miles and the fact that a great fire was raging in this city was thus made known to people throughout the whole of Fayette and adjoining counties.

Some idea of the fearful brilliancy of the leaping, merciless flames can be gained from the knowledge that the tell-tale glare was visible to the residents of Columbus, 40 miles north.

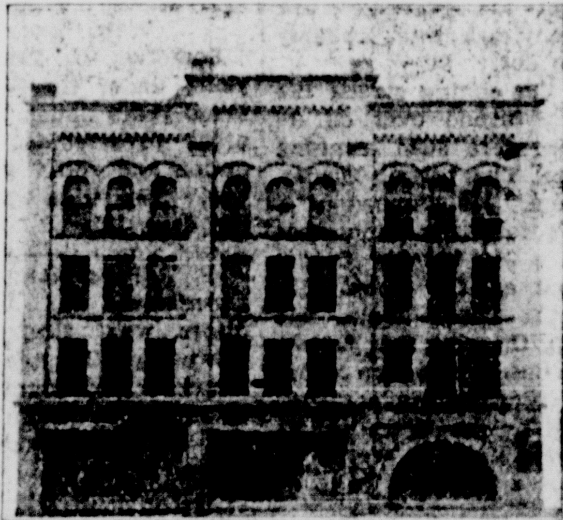
Greenfield, Chillicothe, Circleville, Hillsboro, Wilmington and Springfield citizens noticed the brilliant illuminations in the heavens above us and it is estimated that it was visible to observers in a radius of more than one hundred miles.

## WILL REBUILD

The representatives of the various branches of Masons met at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the I. O. O. F. hall, the courtesies of which were immediately extended by the Odd Fellows.

The Masons, after consultation and the appointment of committees, passed a resolution of sympathy to Mr. Stutson and the other tenants of the building, assuring them that within a reasonable length of time they would provide them with a home bigger and better than ever.

### THE MASONIC TEMPLE



Magnificent structure, one of Washington's prides, now a mass of wreckage, with scarcely one brick standing in place.

## Many Persons Seriously Injured

A number of persons were injured during the conflagration. James Palmer, 24, single, son of Paul Palmer, sustained a fractured hip, three broken ribs, and probably internal injuries by being caught by a falling wall. He is in a serious condition.

William Holmes, of the Stutson store, almost met death in trying to save valuable books. The suction caused by the flames caused the rear door to jam, and it required a superhuman effort to throw it open. It was not until his head and neck were painfully blistered that he succeeded in escaping. His burns are not serious.

Some of the firemen were scorched and blistered about the hands and

R. C. HUNT



Owner of Imperial Hotel Building and The Fayette County Hardware Building.

face, and a few bystanders were slightly injured by firebrands.

It was currently reported that a man had leaped from a third story window of the Masonic Temple and was killed. This was erroneous.

Another report that a bystander had stepped upon a live wire and was electrocuted, proved false. Still other reports of persons overcome and perished in the flames proved false so far as known.

## National Guard Called to Duty

When the danger of falling walls threatened the death of scores of persons who thronged the streets, the lack of police protection quickly became apparent, and Major Rell G. Allen as Mayor of the City, had the riot call sounded by the Court House clock bell. This brought Company M quickly together at the Armory, and within a few minutes the Guards were upon the scene in command of Capt. Howard Allen.

Fire lines were immediately established and the crowd forced back beyond the danger they thoughtlessly courted. This act received universal commendation, and the sincere thanks of Washington as a city are extended to Company M for the splendid service rendered.

All through the dreadful night the men were on patrol. Hot coffee and sandwiches were furnished during the early morning hours, and relief patrols were established. The danger of hanging walls caused the patrol to be maintained throughout Sunday in order to keep the curious throngs back out of danger.

# Photo Post Cards OF BIG FIRE

Herbert C. Campbell

PHOTOGRAPHER

Over Fayette County Bank

THE CUTS IN THIS MORNING'S ENQUIRER WERE FROM OUR PHOTOS

## Annual Report

Of The Buckeye State Building and Loan Company shows 1911 a most prosperous year, its growth being over \$700,000. Its assets now amount to over \$5, 100,000 all loaned on homes, the safest of all mortgage loans. It owns no real estate. Its large reserve fund and mortgages affords absolute protection to depositors. Five per cent. paid on time deposits. Rankin building, 22 West Gay street, Columbus, Ohio.

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WANTED—Men and Women, sell guaranteed hose. 70 per cent. profit. Make \$10 daily. Full or part time. Beginners investigate. Wear Proof, 3038 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. to Feb 16

### FINANCIAL.

Midland Grocery preferred stock pays regular dividends January and July netting 6 per cent., free from all taxes and assessments. Now is time to invest. Full information by THOMAS W. MARCHANT. Both phones. 286 261

### LOST.

LOST—Solid silver belt buckle with large monogram initials "C. D." Reward. Mrs. H. B. Dahl. 300 tf

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FOR RENT—Four rooms, with gas and soft water in house. 401 E. Paint street. Citz. phone 3161. 307 121

FOR RENT—One modern bedroom over Dr. Brown's office. C. A. Cave. 305 61

FOR RENT—Five-room house on Oak street. W. A. Tysor. 300 tf

FOR RENT—6-room house. Call Elmer White, Citz. phone No. 1671. 297 121

FOR RENT—Five-room house. Inquire of Mrs. Stoddard, 401 East Paint St. 296 121

FOR RENT—7-room house and barn on Clinton avenue; city water and gas. C. F. Highley, both phones. 296 tf

FOR RENT—8-room house, conveniences, one square from court house. Barnetts Grocery. 286 tf

FOR RENT—House of 6 rooms and bath on Broadway. Mrs. W. E. Taylor. Both phones. 284 tf

FOR RENT—7-room modern house on Market street. Inquire at the Washington Meat Market. 272 tf

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JAMES T. TUTTLE, Optician,

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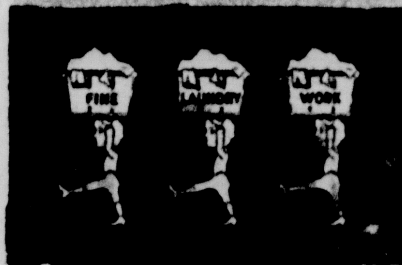
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## THE FUTURE.

Washington has been dealt a staggering blow.

The loss in property, on account of Saturday night's fire is appalling, but the loss to the merchants affected directly and indirectly by the dreadful visitation is beyond calculation.

It does no good, in times like these, to undertake to place the blame or waste time and energy in pointing out just how the disaster might have been averted, or its appalling consequences lessened.

The wholesome thing to do is to set our faces resolutely to the front and, profiting by the terrible lesson taught, so shape our course and govern our future conduct that a repetition of Saturday night's calamity will be impossible.

This city has grown and prospered during the last ten years, but that due provision was not made to protect the property and business gain with which fortune has blessed us, has been made plain to us in a way which admits of no dispute.

Attention has been repeatedly, through various channels, called to the fact that Washington had long since put aside her village clothes and had blossomed out into a full fledged city and that provision should be made to properly handle the responsibilities which came with that change.

Our derelictions in that regard have cost us dearly and let us hope that the lesson taught will not be forgotten.

It will not be. Washington has proved herself equal to every occasion which has arisen thus far and no let up in the progressive spirit among her citizens is yet apparent.

The stricken merchants and real estate owners are gradually recovering from the effects of the blow and before a dozen hours had rolled by were formulating their plans for the future and refusing to think of the past and what might have been.

The loss to those who will lose employment is, of course, heavy, and irreparable. The loss to those indirectly affected is beyond calculation. The property loss, enormous as it is, does not tell half the story of loss. It is the indirect loss in business large and small in the city which is heaviest.

While there is no doubt that from the wreck of buildings and business there will arise greater structures and splendid businesses, yet the lesson taught and the warning given should prove proportionately beneficial to its heavy cost.

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All eyes are now turned to the future and over the blackened ruins of yesterday the bright rainbow of tomorrow and its hopes is already shedding its lustrous light.

## THE OLD AND THE NEW.

It is now Mayor Harve W. Smith. Last night at midnight the administration of Mayor Allen came to an official end and the administration of Mayor Smith commenced.

Many of the formal details of surrender and assumption of authority were attended to earlier in the evening and prior to the time designated by law when the official change should take place.

Every citizen of Washington wishes Mayor Smith a happy New Year and a successful, peaceful and prosperous administration.

He assumes the duties of his office at a time when the people of Washington are still staggering under the effects of Saturday night's disaster.

He finds the moral atmosphere of the city of the highest type and it should be, and he announces that it will be his constant aim and effort to keep it up to the present high standard.

Mayor Smith has a host of work to do and that he will prove fully equal to the discharge of his important tasks is the hope and the belief of all good citizens.

He assumes the duties of his office with a united citizenship as his ally, with disputes of political, and therefore minor consequence, forgotten in the great work which is just ahead.

The best wishes of the people go with ex-Mayor Allen, in his return to private life, for the many good deeds he has done and the best of wishes are extended to Mayor Smith for the many good deeds he is confidently expected to perform.

A happy New Year to both the out-going and the incoming administration. A bigger and a better Washington and a contented, happy and law-abiding people, mindful of the past with its pleasures and sorrows and bright hopes for the future and what it holds for us.

## MOB EXECUTES COLORED FIEND

Kills Oklahoma Farmer and Assaults Wife.

### DRINKS HIMSELF TO SLEEP

Is Easily Captured, Locked Up, Then Taken From Jail and Strung Up to Tree—Began Night of Crime by Stealing Switch Engine and Making Spectacular Run in Which He Is Saved From Collision With Passenger Train by Derail.

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 1.—After stealing a switch engine at Van Buren, Ark., and running to Muldrow, Okla., where he killed George Cason, a farmer, and criminally assaulted his wife, a negro named Turner was taken from jail and lynched by a mob.

The crime was committed after Cason had opened up his house to him to allow him to warm himself. Going out to get kindling, Turner returned with an ax, which he used on the farmer, who had gone back to bed. Drinking continually of whisky which he found in the house the negro went to sleep finally and Mrs. Cason ran to a neighbor's house in her bare feet, where she told of the deed.

Two citizens of Muldrow were notified and went to the Cason house, where the negro was found still asleep. He made no resistance and was taken to the Muldrow jail. At night a mob, consisting of not less than 50 men, went quietly to the jail, broke open the door without resistance and took the negro to a nearby tree, where he was hanged.

**Saw Engine Running Wild.**  
Shortly after midnight the train dispatcher at Van Buren saw an engine going through the yards rapidly. An investigation revealed that it had been stolen. A passenger train from Kansas City was at the time nearing Muldrow, and the agent there was ordered to sidetrack the stolen locomotive and hold the passenger. A disastrous train wreck was probably averted by this act.

At Muldrow the engine struck the derail, where it turned over on its side. Two men were seen running from the engine. The negro, Turner, was one of them. He stopped at a farmhouse and told the men that they could make \$10 helping to get the engine back on the track. He then went to the Cason home. He was admitted on the plea that he was almost frozen; Cason made up a fire for the negro. Cason then returned to his bed, which was in the same room. The negro said he would go out and get some kindling and, returning with an ax, he ordered the man and woman to cover up their heads, as he was going to kill them. He flashed a gun at the same time. Cason told him where he kept his money and told the negro to get it, but not to harm him or his wife. The negro swung the ax with tremendous force, the flat part of it striking Cason's temple. Death was almost instantaneous. He then assaulted the wife under the threat that he would kill her and the children should she not comply with his desires. He ordered that she bring him whisky, which she did. He drank copiously from the bottle and ordered her to drink. After assaulting the woman repeatedly and draining the contents of the bottle, the negro fell asleep. The woman ran for aid through the snow for quite a distance in her night dress and bare feet.

### TROUBLES MULTIPLY

John D. Rockefeller Confronted by Boost in Ice Rates.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The new year has a cheerless outlook for John D. Rockefeller. Since he lost his job as president of the Standard Oil company one misfortune after another has been dogging him around his Pocantico Hills estate. First he lost his lake, then the village of Tarrytown turned down his contract for filling the roads, then the Y. M. C. A. called on him for \$35,000 for its new building, but the greatest blow of all fell when George Ferguson, the Rockefeller ice man, told him his lake was leaking and even if zero weather should come this winter the ice crop would be small and prices would have to advance next summer. Ferguson tried to cheer Mr. Rockefeller a few days ago when the cold snap struck here, but it got milder and he saw it was all off and he broke the news gently to his millionaire customers.

### Charge Wife With Murder.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Rene Morrow, widow of Charles B. Morrow, was arrested when investigation of Morrow's death was reopened after a coroner's jury had returned a suicide verdict.

### Mother and Children Burn.

Suffern, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Mrs. James Baker and her two children, Lillian, 5, and Ethel, 3, lost their lives here when fire destroyed their home. The origin of the fire is not known.

### NEWTON D. BAKER

Succeeds Herman Bachr as Cleveland's Mayor Today.



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### DOINGS IN OHIO

#### Alleged Rewards Juggled.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 1.—Investigation as to the disposition of three rewards, whose amounts were not made public, alleged to have been collected by Chief of Detectives Ralph Crawford from the state reformatory at Mansfield, has been begun, and he will be cited to appear before Chief of Police Jackson.

#### Harmon Reappoints Zuber.

Columbus, O., Jan. 1.—Governor Harmon Saturday reappointed State Fire Marshal John W. Zuber of Paulding county for a term of three years. The salary is \$3,000. Mr. Zuber was appointed by the governor to succeed W. S. Rogers, Republican, removed two years ago last June.

#### Village Stays Dry.

Athens, O., Jan. 1.—Chauncey, a village of about 800 people, voted dry under the Beal law by a majority of 14. Most of the Athens county bootlegging cases have been tried in courts at Chauncey and fines of more than \$18,000 have been paid.

#### Wets Carry Somerset.

Somerset, O., Jan. 1.—Dry for four years under the Beal law and for three years under the Rose law, Somerset reversed its verdict on local option and voted wet under the Beal law. The wets cast 178 votes and the dries 133.

#### Find Honest Official.

Amherst, O., Jan. 1.—When auditors went through the fund of Township Trustee "Honest" John Brucker they found \$20 too much in it. "Honest" John is a farmer and has been a trustee for the past 14 years.

#### Run Down by Car.

Gallion, O., Jan. 1.—Partially deaf, Peter Kile, 65, failed to hear a traction car approach while attempting to cross the track in his carriage. The conveyance was hurled by the car and Kile was instantly killed.

### "WHAT IS MINCEMEAT?"

Food Expert Wiley Finally Solves Perplexing Problem.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The federal government has laid down a rule for mincemeat. The pure food board of the department of agriculture, headed by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, after laboring for months over the question "What is mincemeat?" has evolved this official definition:

"Mincemeat is a mixture of not less than 10 per cent of cooked comminuted meat, with chopped suet, apple and other fruits, salt and spices and with sugar, syrup or molasses and with or without vinegar, fresh concentrated or fermented fruit juices or spirituous liquors."

### MAY ABOLISH TARIFF BOARD

Democrats Also Would Cut Taft's Transportation Appropriation.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Democrats of the house of representatives plan to eliminate from the next sundry civil appropriation bill the \$225,000 appropriation for the president's tariff board, the \$75,000 appropriation for the economy commission and the \$25,000 appropriation for the president's traveling expenses.

Democratic members of the appropriations committee are understood to be unanimously in favor of this elimination program and they believe that the cutting of this expenditure of \$325,000, all of which is under the direction of the president, will meet with approval of the majority party in the house.

#### Goes to His Inaugural.

Shanghai, Jan. 1.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen has gone to Nanking for the inauguration ceremony, which it is understood will take place today. As in the election, the inauguration will be provisional.

#### Robber Kills Banker.

Centralla, Wash., Jan. 1.—A robber held up the Farmers and Merchants' bank and instantly killed the president, L. Barr. The murderer was captured.

## The Washington Savings Bank

### A Clean, New Book



is awaiting that New Year resolution at the Washington Savings Bank. Your good resolutions for the New Year should include habits of Thrift, and the laying aside a portion of your earnings for that Rainy Day by opening an account in

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## DEFINITE PLANS RAPIDLY FORMING

*For Building On the Valuable Sites---Business Lines Are Being Reformed*

*Many Changes Made Necessary By the Devastating Work of Awful Fire Are Being Provided For, and Rapidly the Preliminary Matters Are Being Arranged.*

## "Hope Springs Eternal in the Human Breast"

Notwithstanding the Appalling Losses Sustained the Situation, As it Now Exists, is Being Dealt With in a Spirit Which Guarantees that Saturday's Fire Will Be But a Horrid Memory.

Idle Words of Regret are Discarded and the All-Abiding Work of the Moment Has Enlisted the Cheerful Fire Sufferers in Plans and Preparations for The Future.

The last day of 1911 dawned with a gloom that enveloped the entire town. Many had been up all night and the clang of the fire bells, the roar of the flames and the crash of falling walls was the first thought of those who had caught a few hours' of restless sleep.

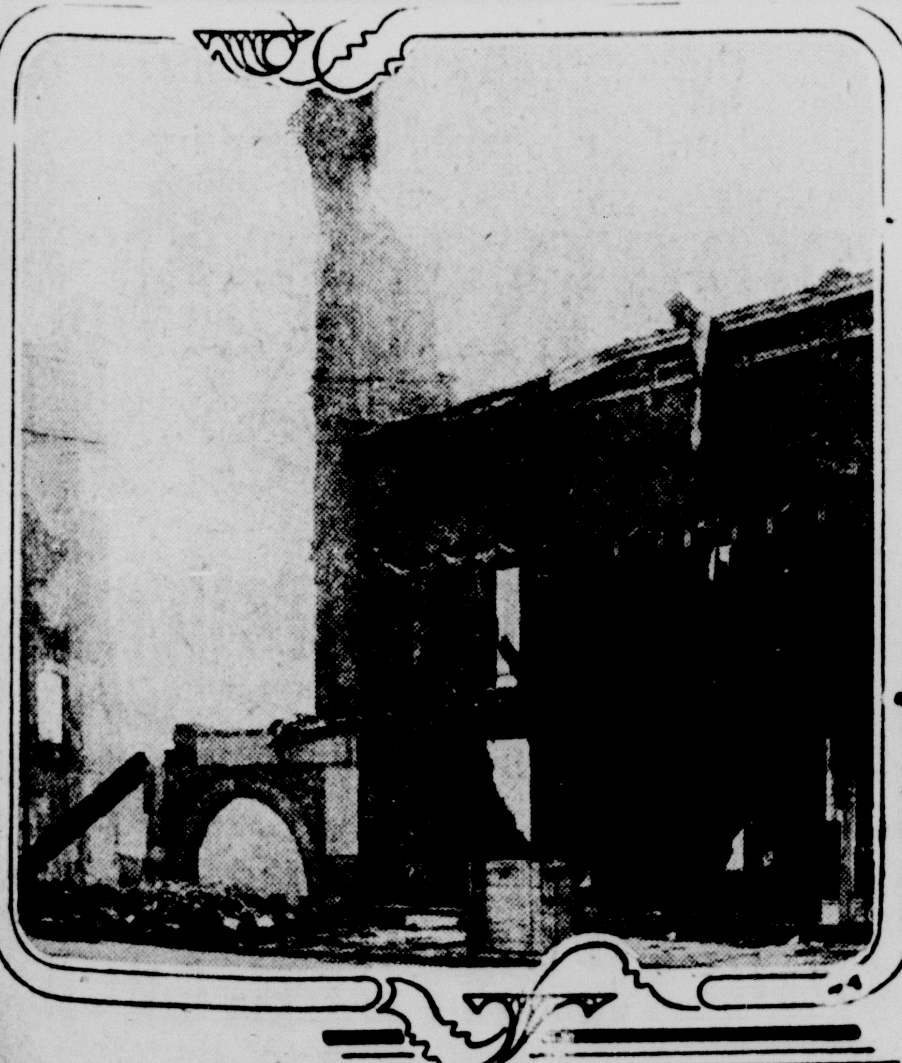
The night of horror—a horror that has never been equalled since the cyclone, bearing in its wake such devastation and ruin, will leave its pall over our city for many a day.

For hours hearts had stopped still as the spreading flames leaped and tore like wild living things and it looked as if all of Washington's entire business center was doomed. In many a home bags were packed and valuables put together as blazing embers were seen floating for blocks. Only the deluge of rain and the water soaked buildings saved the town.

As if from a terrible night-mare people woke, but it was only to see the grey winter sun rising over the spectre of what had been Washington's pride.

Instead of the stately stone Masonic temple, with its imposing facade, instead of the handsome hotel and its adjoining business rooms, there were gaunt piles of brick and timbers, huge, unsightly ruins that bore mute testimony to the power of the fire king.

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View of the ruins of the Judy Block and Masonic Temple looking southeast from Court and Main street corner.



### GOING AHEAD WITH BUSINESS

The mammoth Dahl-Millikan plant will rise from the ashes greater than ever and with the indomitable push and capability of the management plans are already being promoted for the successful continuance of the colossal business. In fact Dahl-Millikan customers will hardly realize that the huge plant is smoldering in ruins. All the Dahl-Millikan salesmen start on the road as usual Monday and burned out stocks are already being replenished and coming in by every freight.

The Welton & Baker corner room on Main and East streets has been secured for the Dahl-Millikan offices and the Welton building across the street, two floors and basement, will be used for storage.

Sunday afternoon Messrs. Wm. Monypeny and A. S. Hammond, of the Midland Grocery Co., came down from Columbus in consultation with the Dahl-Millikan management. It was at once decided to go right on with the business and rebuild. Of course it is as yet too soon for definite plans, but there is general satisfaction that the big wholesale plant will remain the factor it has heretofore been in our city.

Mr. Frank L. Stutson has as yet given out no statement in regard to his future plans. This is the third time that the Stutson store has gone down in a mass of debris, the first time in the never-to-be-forgotten cyclone, the second time in the Masonic Temple fire.

### Chas. Allen First To Let Contract

The Westward Block, owned by Mr. Allen, one of the structures gutted by the Saturday night fire, will be rebuilt immediately, the old walls being utilized as far as possible in the work.

At six o'clock Monday morning Mr. Allen contracted with A. C. Henkle for the construction of reinforced cement floors in the building, making it practically fireproof. The work of removing the debris and tearing away that part of the structure not fit for use, will commence just as soon as the insurance is settled, and within sixty days the block will be ready for occupancy providing weather conditions are favorable.

### HESS LIVERY REMOVED.

The Hess Livery has removed to their new quarters, The Empire barn, formerly occupied by Benj. Jameson and Los Crone, East Market street, and is now open and ready for business.



The top picture shows the fire ruins from the rear. The lower picture is a view of the ruins from Main and East street corner, looking northwest.

The present fire, coming just after the completion of handsome improvements and with a very large stock on hand, is the greatest loss Mr. Stutson has ever sustained. The entire \$86,600 stock is a total loss, the only thing saved was the office books.

The Stutson store has been the pride of this section of the state and the entire town and county and it was gratifying beyond expression when Mr. Stutson said today that in all probability he would go into business again as soon as arrangements could be made. It will be several days before his enormous business

can be adjusted sufficiently to warrant the formation of future plans.

This afternoon the safe with its books locked in was gotten out of the debris.

If Mr. Stutson waits for the rebuilding of the Temple it will be next summer before he will be actively in business, but there is hope that arrangements can be made for earlier re-opening.

The Masons are offering to build him a larger and finer store than he had before in the new Temple, which they are already planning to rebuild.

Mr. Stutson has opened a temporary office in the Pavey block.

### MORE TENANTS WHO SUFFERED.

Mrs. Katherine Fortier, who had a dressmaking establishment in Masonic Temple, and the Metropolitan Life Insurance company were among the tenants who suffered loss.

Mrs. Fortier, who was one of the last out of the building, lost everything in the suite of rooms, and \$500 is a small estimate, which was total, as she carried no insurance.

The Metropolitan lost fixtures and supplies to the value of about \$500. This was partially covered by insurance.



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## THE NEW MAYOR



HARVE W. SMITH

Washington's new mayor, Harve W. Smith, stepped into office at midnight Sunday night, when ex-Mayor Allen met him in conference at Smith Bros. restaurant, and officially turned over the office, extending best wishes for a successful administration and proffering to Mayor Smith offers of all assistance that he might render.

Mayor Smith's first official act consisted in an order relieving Company M of further duty. This was given to Capt. Howard Allen. Mayor Smith then deputized six members of Company M as special patrolmen to patrol the neighborhood surrounding the ruins. These men are Roy Thompson, George Sprague, Wm. Groves, Harry Cartwright, Ernest Pummell, Warren Williams. They will be on duty several days, or until all danger of falling walls is past. Service Director John Anders tendered his resignation instead of

waiting the full week, and Mayor Smith promptly administered the oath of office to the new service director, J. M. Baker, who then assumed his duties in the office.

Mayor Smith met Adjutant General Weybrecht, who came down to view the ruins and see Company M on duty, and to Gen. Weybrecht he highly complimented Capt. Howard Allen and Company M for the great service rendered the city.

As first official of the city, Mayor Smith will officially extend thanks on behalf of the city to Washington's sister cities who rendered valuable aid. The question of paying the cities will be taken up without delay.

Little remained of the papers and books of the mayor's office after the fire, even the seal being consumed. The docket and cash book were turned over to Mr. Smith Monday morning. These were the only books saved.

From early in the morning people crowded the streets, prevented from getting close to the ruins by the patrol of militia, that under the command of Major Bell Allen and Captain Howard Allen, did such splendid service on the night of the fire. Heart-sick as spectators were, by the contrast between the handsome business block of the day before and the present havoc, there was a fascination about it, and throngs gazed upon the wreck. Ashes still smoldered, a huge flame of natural gas burst out from the site of the Temple like a geyser, and its tongue of fire created fresh alarm; high tottering walls shook with each rush of the wind and finally crashed to the ground with a force that reverberated over the town.

The walls of the Temple were mostly down the night before, the high northwest wall standing yesterday, and at its top a trellis of brick that aroused wondering comment that it could stand the winds. It was noon before the tall corner walls of the Imperial Hotel thundered to the ground and still they kept falling until late in the afternoon, when an engine was brought to the scene and began the further demolition.

From all over the county and from neighboring cities, people flocked in as fast as autos, vehicles and trains could bring them and the town presented almost a home-coming scene, but with none of the joy and glad greeting of the home-coming.

But even while appalled at the horror of the scene the valiant spirit which has largely made Washington C. H. the stirring, progressive city that she is, began to assert itself even within sight of the ruins optimism began to resume sway. "Wait until this time next year, you'll see this block bigger and handsomer than ever. You can't keep Washington and its business men down" was the remark of a well-known Columbus man on the scene and it was echoed by every one of the hundreds of spectators. The scene of the Masonic temple block on the morning of 1913 will be entirely different from the tragic one of 1912.

## The Cycle of Thirteen

Fateful "cycle of thirteen"! Can it be that the unlucky thirteen has worked its baleful charm upon our city and upon its progressive merchants?

It was Sept., 1885, when the cyclone swept fury like over Washington, and devastated the Stutson store; it was just thirteen years, Sept., 1898, when the new Masonic Temple, with Stutson's magnificent store just opened, fell a victim to

the flames, and now the third cycle of thirteen, waits to take its toll until the last day of 1911, and once more the Temple and Stutson's store lie in ruins.

Superstition you say—probably. But for all this, the mysterious cycle of thirteen suggests black magic and the community is willing that its venom runs in cycles of three and that the third and last of these cycles, according to witchcraft, ends forever the curse of thirteen.

## Many Professional Men Secure New Offices

There has been a sudden demand for desirable office rooms by the business and professional men whose offices were consumed in the various buildings destroyed.

The splendid office rooms in the Pavey building over the Midland bank, which have been vacant since the building was erected, are all rented.

Dr. C. V. Lanum rented Rooms No. 1 and 2 for dental parlors. Attorney Frank A. Chaffin has rooms No. 3 and 4. C. A. Cave and Frank M. Kennedy room No. 5. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company,

whose office was burned in Masonic Temple, has rented room No. 6. Mrs. Fortier occupies one of the large rooms. Mr. Frank Stutson will occupy No. 7 for a time, using it for an office.

Ed L. Bush, whose office fixtures represented an outlay of more than \$2000 with \$1000 of insurance, perished in Masonic Temple, and Carey F. Baughn have rented the rooms formerly occupied by the township trustees in the Sherman block on Court street.

The trustees have rented room No. 12 in the Pavey building. All other rooms in the building are tenanted.

## NEW ELKS' HOME

More Than a Possibility of the Future

MEMBERS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

Present indications are that Washington lodge of B. P. O. Elks No. 129, will erect a magnificent home of its own, costing from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

This plan has been growing among the 175 members of the order since their home in the Masonic Temple was destroyed, the sentiment toward erecting such a home spreading like wildfire, and some of the most prominent Elks of the local lodge express themselves as confident that they no longer rent their lodge parlors after temporary arrangements are once made, but will erect a magnificent building that will be a monument to the enterprising local lodge, and a splendid addition to the city blocks.

So far the plan to erect such a building is but dimly outlined, but the intention to do so is gaining in favor so rapidly that early action is expected which will assure such a movement upon the part of the local herd of Elks.

The actual loss of the Elks' lodge is approximately \$3500, although some of the fixtures were not valued in dollars and cents and cannot be replaced. The lodge numbers a great many of the most prominent

persons in this and adjoining cities in her ranks and is financially strong. All members interviewed upon the plan of erecting their own building have been very enthusiastic over the proposed plans.

The only property saved from the fire was the charter, which Mr. Harry Baker seized just as the dense smoke crept into the rooms and carried it to safety. An Elk head, valued at \$500 was among the ornaments destroyed.

Monday morning Exalted Ruler Jess W. Smith received the following telegram from Chillicothe:

"Chillicothe lodge of Elks sympathizes with Washington lodge in its loss. What can we do for you? We await your command. Wm. Greenbalm, Sect. Lodge 52."

The good Samaritan spirit of the Chillicothe Elks is greatly appreciated by the Washington herd.

Boxes of good things for some fifty needy children, which had been prepared to distribute as New Year's gifts to the children, perished in the flames. This order will be duplicated at once, and the children will have their baskets of good things yet.

Notice to Knights of Pythias

Confidence lodge will meet to-night in new hall. Well heated, well lighted, plenty of standing room. Come on boys.

HENRY D. SMITH, C. C.  
H. M. KINGSBURY, K. R. & S.

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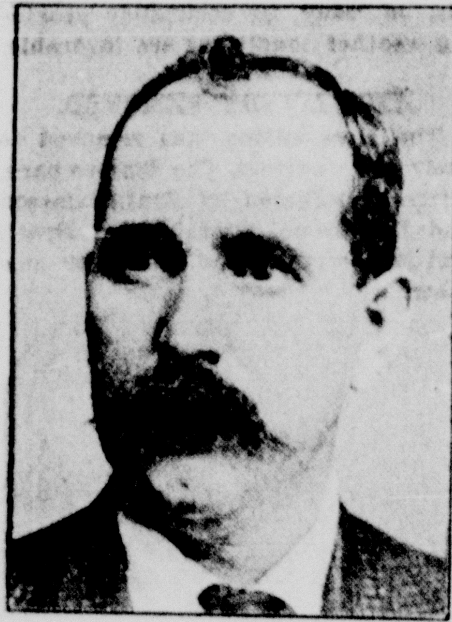
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## New Police Chief F. M. McCoy



Washington's new police chief, F. M. McCoy, assumed the duties of his office Sunday night, Chief of Police Devaney turning over what little property was left in his possession.

Chief McCoy had previously taken the oath of office, together with day patrolman Robert Cogswell, and both were on duty Monday. Night Patrolman Noah Bell was on duty in the afternoon of Sunday night, and his hours will be much the same as usual.

Outgoing Chief Wm. Devaney, who was completely worn out after being on duty from early Saturday morning until Sunday night, sought his bed immediately.

## Injured Man Is Recovering

James Palmer, injured by a falling wall while fighting the fire in the alley between the Masonic Temple and the Dahi-Millikan building, is resting easy and is now thought to be on the road to recovery.

The internal hemorrhages have ceased, and he spent a very restful night considering the nature of his injuries. His right hip is fractured and in addition to fractured ribs, he is badly bruised.

When the wall struck him his companions sprang forward and removed him from his perilous position. Previous to his injuries he did splendid work in fighting the hungry flames.

## Arrive From the West

The 11:11 B. & O. train Sunday night brought back from Los Angeles, Cal., to her home town, the remains of Mrs. William Campbell, accompanied by her little daughter, Virginia, her sister, Mrs. T. W. Marchant, and aunt, Mrs. M. V. Logan.

The sad party arrived in Chicago on the Santa Fe limited at noon Sunday, being an hour late. Mr. Wm. Campbell and Mr. C. H. Murray were waiting to accompany them home.

The B. & O. held their train so that they made unusually good connections and were able to arrive Sunday night instead of Monday morning as had been expected.

Relatives and friends were in waiting at the train and the remains were taken to the home of Mrs. Marchant. Private funeral services will be held there Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, and interment in the family lot in the Washington cemetery.

## Opened Up

Having been burnt out in the Masonic Temple I am now located in my dental office in the corner room of the Pavey block over the Midland bank.

DR. CLAYTON LANUM.

## SOME DANGEROUS WALLS ARE PULLED DOWN.

The extremely hazardous work of pulling down the rotten walls of the ruins commenced immediately after the fire subsided, and is being carried on by a gang of workmen who have used everything from a traction engine down to block and tackle.

The rotten southeast wall of Masonic Temple was the worst wall to handle, being so dangerous until a portion had been removed, that near approach was to court death. By herculean efforts all of the southeast wall was pulled down except the mammoth chimney, which still remains.

Other walls have been thrown by using ropes with block and tackle and a "crab". Hundreds of onlookers have watched the dangerous work progress, and the occasional roar of falling brick and mortar tell of the progress made. It may be necessary to use dynamite upon some of the more difficult walls, or else they will be allowed to stand until torn down to make room for larger and better buildings which promise to spring up within the next few months.

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#### NATIONAL GUARDS

##### RELIEVED TODAY.

After 36 hours of patrol duty, Co. M, O. N. G., was withdrawn at 8:10 o'clock, after roping off the dangerous ruins and making everything as secure as possible.

The company was dismissed by the new mayor, Harve W. Smith, after it became apparent that their services were no longer required, and that a few special police could take care of the situation.

Many of the guards were almost exhausted by the exposure and long vigil over the dangerous ruins.

The services of Company M probably saved more lives than one in holding the crowds back, and keeping the streets clear so the firemen could not be hindered by the curious throngs.

The officers of the company have been warmly complimented upon the manner in which the guards conducted themselves, and for the valuable aid rendered when it was so badly needed.

#### F. & A. M. Reception

The F. & A. M. New Year's reception for which invitations have been issued to all Masons and their ladies will be held tonight from 7 until 10 o'clock at Memorial Hall, the use of which has been tendered to the fraternity.

#### ADJUSTER BUSILY

##### ADJUSTING CLAIMS.

The firm of Mangson, Weiss, Harding and Dowdall, insurance adjusters of Cincinnati, are upon the scene and have been retained by a number of those who suffered loss, to represent them in settling the insurance claims.

This firm of adjusters is represented by Mr. Weiss and Mr. Stagg, who arrived Monday morning and commenced work at once.

#### PLANNED INCREASE

##### OF FIRE INSURANCE.

Just before noon Saturday members of the Board of Masonic Hall trustees discussed the feasibility of increasing the insurance on the Masonic Temple from \$28,000 to \$40,000, and this was virtually decided upon.

Had the fire occurred a week later this increase would undoubtedly have been in effect, and the loss would not have been so heavy by \$12,000.

#### CRIES OF FIRE AROUSE

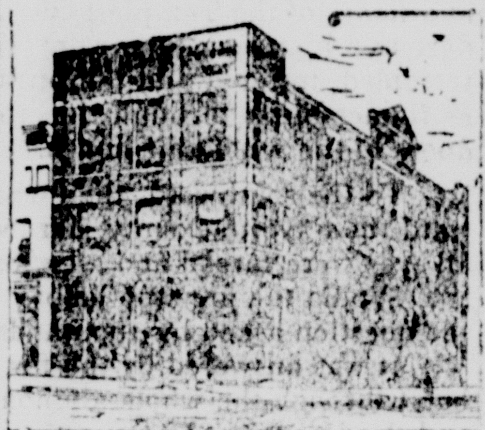
##### MASONIC TEMPLE TENANTS.

When the cry of fire arose from the room and street below, Ray Post, Kent Hopkins and Robert Edge were in the Bachelors' club rooms, and thought some disturbance on the street caused the cries.

When the fire bell tapped and the cries below grew plainer the three young men sprang into the hallway and saw the smoke and reflection from the flames. They hurried down stairs, and when they rushed back a few moments later to secure their charter and other papers, the Elks' lodge room was belching smoke, and in the suffocating smoke they stumbled down the stairs to safety.

#### Katz's Building

##### "The Fire Wall"



The building of Leo Katz, together with the strenuous efforts put forth by a score of persons in smothering the fire with fifty pairs of wet blankets, may rightly be termed "the fire wall" which stood between the flames and the destruction of the square of buildings between Main and Fayette streets.

A number of times the building was on fire, but each time it was quickly smothered with wet blankets. The windows cracked and several fell out, allowing the burning embers to drift into the third floor. These were extinguished, and relays of wet blankets kept over the windows as much as possible.

The dense smoke poured into the second and third floors, doing hundreds of dollars' worth of damage. The heroic work of Mr. Katz and his corps of assistants, together with the nature of the structure, probably saved another half million dollar loss.

#### CHEMICALS BURN

##### MAKING SEA OF INK.

In the room over the Sparks hardware store James Pursell operated an ink and shoe polish factory, having a great many chemicals of various kinds stored in the rooms.

Among the chemicals was a keg of powder used in manufacturing indelible inks, etc. This fell from the building and burst upon the sidewalk, causing thousands of gallons of water flowing down the gutter to turn purple. This was tracked about the street by the firemen until the street was a sea of purple.

It was the jeweler who sells "Big Ben" alarm clock.

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#### Revised Losses

Firm	Estimated Losses	Estimated Insurance
Masonic Temple Co.	\$ 50,000	\$28,000
Dahl-Milkan Co., building and stock	100,000	80,000
Imperial Hotel and fixtures	30,000	19,000
Fayette Co. Hdw. Co., room (R. C. Hunt)	10,000	7,000
Judy Block	15,000	7,000
Westward Block	15,000	7,000
Fayette Co. Hdw., stock	40,000	23,000
Frank L. Stutson, stock	85,000	50,000
Masonic Equipment	30,000	7,000
Henry Sparks, hardware	9,000	5,000
Peter Brown, confections	7,000	2,800
Harry Hyer, plumber	1,000	400
DeWees Studio	500	500
K. of P. Lodge	3,500	2,500
Elks' Lodge	5,000	3,000
Lulu Theobald, milliner	1,000	400
Allen & Allen	800	400
John Logan, attorney	3,000	None
E. L. Bush, attorney	2,000	1,000
C. E. Baughn, attorney	500	None
Dr. C. V. Lanum	500	None
Bachelors' Club	700	300
Washington Water Co.	400	200
Pythian Sisters	500	200
Eastern Star	500	300
James Pursell, manufacturer	500	400
I. H. Barkimer, piano store	500	300
E. A. Chaffin, attorney	1,000	1,000
Belbert Hays, studio	500	400
Citizens' Telephone Co.	500	
Bell Phone Co.	100	
E. A. Cave, real estate	100	
Western Union Telegraph Co.	100	
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.	500	300
Mrs. Katherine Factor, Dressmaker	500	

Total, \$410,000

\$210,500

Estimated loss above insurance, \$191,500

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### THE FUTURE.

Washington has been dealt a staggering blow.

The loss in property, on account of Saturday night's fire is appalling, but the loss to the merchants affected directly and indirectly by the dreadful visitation is beyond calculation.

It does no good, in times like these, to undertake to place the blame or waste time and energy in pointing out just how the disaster might have been averted, or its appalling consequences lessened.

The wholesome thing to do is to set our faces resolutely to the front and, profiting by the terrible lesson taught, so shape our course and govern our future conduct that a repetition of Saturday night's calamity will be impossible.

This city has grown and prospered during the last ten years, but that due provision was not made to protect the property and business gain with which fortune has blessed us, has been made plain to us in a way which admits of no dispute.

Attention has been repeatedly, through various channels, called to the fact that Washington had long since put aside her village clothes and had blossomed out into a full fledged city and that provision should be made to properly handle the responsibilities which came with that change.

Our derelictions in that regard have cost us dearly and let us hope that the lesson taught will not be forgotten.

It will not be. Washington has proved herself equal to every occasion which has arisen thus far and no let up in the progressive spirit among her citizens is yet apparent.

The stricken merchants and real estate owners are gradually recovering from the effects of the blow and before a dozen hours had rolled by were formulating their plans for the future and refusing to think of the past and what might have been.

The loss to those who will lose employment is, of course, heavy, and irreparable. The loss to those indirectly affected, is beyond calculation. The property loss, enormous as it is, does not tell half the story of loss. It is the indirect loss in business large and small in the city which is heaviest.

While there is no doubt that from the wreck of buildings and business there will arise greater structures and splendid businesses, yet the lesson taught and the warning given should prove proportionately beneficial to its heavy cost.

Yet the lesson taught and the warning given should prove proportionately beneficial to its heavy cost.

All eyes are now turned to the future and over the blackened ruins of yesterday the bright rainbow of tomorrow and its hopes is already shedding its lustrous light.

### THE OLD AND THE NEW.

It is now Mayor Harve W. Smith. Last night at midnight the administration of Mayor Allen came to an official end and the administration of Mayor Smith commenced.

Many of the formal details of surrender and assumption of authority were attended to earlier in the evening and prior to the time designated by law when the official change should take place.

Every citizen of Washington wishes Mayor Smith a happy New Year and a successful, peaceful and prosperous administration.

He assumes the duties of his office at a time when the people of Washington are still staggering under the effects of Saturday night's disaster.

He finds the moral atmosphere of the city of the highest type and it should be, and he announces that it will be his constant aim and effort to keep it up to the present high standard.

Mayor Smith has a host of work to do and that he will prove fully equal to the discharge of his important tasks is the hope and the belief of all good citizens.

He assumes the duties of his office with a united citizenship as his ally, with disputes of political, and therefore minor consequence, forgotten in the great work which is just ahead.

The best wishes of the people go with ex-Mayor Allen, in his return to private life, for the many good deeds he has done and the best of wishes are extended to Mayor Smith for the many good deeds he is confidently expected to perform.

A happy New Year to both the out-going and the incoming administration. A bigger and a better Washington and a contented, happy and law-abiding people, mindful of the past with its pleasures and sorrows and bright hopes for the future and what it holds for us.

## WILL REBUILD

The representatives of the various branches of Masons met at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the I. O. O. F. hall, the courtesies of which were immediately extended by the Odd Fellows.

The Masons, after consultation and the appointment of committees, passed a resolution of sympathy to Mr. Stutson and the other tenants of the building, assuring them that within a reasonable length of time they would provide them with a home bigger and better than ever.

## Night of Terror

Call For Aid is Wired by Mayor Allen to Columbus, to Springfield and to Wilmington, When Local Facilities Prove Insufficient.

Washington Saturday night was visited by one of the worst calamities in her history. With possibly one exception the property loss was the greatest ever sustained in the city.

The alarm of fire, at about 8 o'clock, called the department to the big department store of F. L. Stutson, where fire was raging in the basement among the boxes and waste paper.

At first it seemed that the fire could be confined to the basement, and six streams of water were poured into the rear the basement.

The headway made by the angry flames in the highly inflammable material in the basement far exceeded the calculations of those fighting the flames, and within a comparatively short time it burst through the floor at the front end of the store with a roaring, hissing, crackling noise like the blast from a monster furnace.

The proprietors and clerks then realized that no human power, with the facilities at hand, could check the awful Fire Monster's progress. Those who ventured into the basement with fire extinguishers and lines of hose were driven back by the roaring flames from the seething inferno below the first floor.

Mr. William T. Holmes saw in an instant that the structure was doomed and dashed to the office for such books and papers as he could carry out with him. Before he could gather up some of the most valuable papers the hair of his head, his neck and back were scorched by the flames which were by that time leaping and dancing in and out in the dense smoke like so many hungry demons.

The clerks hurriedly seized their wraps and fled to the street. In an incredibly short time the whole interior of the Stutson store was a mass of flames.

To eat through to the second floor consuming offices and the magnificent lodge and club rooms and on and up to the third floor and lodge rooms of Masons and Commandry, the Eastern Star, the K. of P., the Pythian Sisters, consuming costly furnishing, valuable books and papers, relics and paraphernalia which could not be replaced with money, was the work of moments only for the wild Fire King.

Through the roof of the largest building in the city the flames leaped skyward into the darkness until it seemed that the very clouds would be pierced. Blazing embers of varying sizes up to the size of large shingles were whirled out and on from the furnace.

The heroic efforts of the local fire fighters made no appreciable impression on the fire's progress.

The angry flames belched out of every aperture in the doomed structure; the fearful arms of fire, with an ease which laughed at man's feeble attempts to baffle them, reached across the narrow alley to the south and dashed into the windows of the large four-story warehouse and office building of the Dahl-Millikan Grocery Company, and soon volumes of dense black smoke was pouring from every crevice and crack of the building.

It was then seen that the wholesale house was doomed. With a crash and roar which could be heard for miles the roof and floors of the Temple gave away. Sparks and burning cinders and blazing planks shot skyward. The great front wall trembled, tottered and fell outward with a rumble and roar just as flames burst through the roof and from the windows and doors of the wholesale house.

To the southward, then where the fire was eating its way toward the Fayette County Hardware building and the Imperial hotel all eyes were turned and all efforts at rescue were directed.

Would the fire stop before it reached the railroad yards was the question asked by thousands.

It was answered by the fire itself, which, as soon as it had burst through the wholesale house attacked the rear of the hotel and the Hardware Company's rooms.

The immense stock of groceries of all kinds and the large four-story building of the Dahl Millikan Company was consumed absolutely by the flames in less than thirty minutes so resistless and so rapid was the march of the fire.

With the crash of the walls of the Dohl Millikan Company as they fell into the streets the flames leaped through the smoke which filled the Imperial hotel from cellar to roof and from kitchen to office.

The Hardware Company's immense stock was consumed in a twinkling. The cartridges let go like bunches of immense fire crackers as did also the seventy-five thousand rounds of ammunition in the Dahl Millikan Company.

Just as the awe-stricken thousands had begun to hope that the fire would run its course with the destruction of the hotel it was discovered that the Judy block to the north on Main street and the westward block to the north on Court street were in flames.

All hope of saving anything on the entire half block was then abandoned and fears for the safety of property across the street to the east and to the north and the entire business section in that direction seized all.

The steady rain which had continued all day had so thoroughly soaked the surrounding roofs that the flying firebrands did not do the damage which would have ensued had the buildings been dry.

The work of saving the immense warehouses of the Grocery Company was greatly aided by the cement being away from them.

Several times the elevator tower of the fire-proof cold storage plant was in flames, ignited by the awful heat, but the fire was unable to get down into the building.

Heavy plate glass windows across Main street were cracked and shattered in bits by the heat of the flames.

It was an awful night of terror and destruction and Washington business district was saved from complete annihilation by the heaven-sent rain which kept the surrounding property soaked with water.

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